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Dahlan: Prisoner release a 'scandal'

Netanyahu: We won't free murderers

By DANNA HARMAN

Despite a few minor last-minute delays and glitches, the first redeployment in accordance with the Wye Memorandum went off smoothly this weekend.

The same, however, can not be said for the prisoner release.

"I am satisfied with the principle of the implementation, but the form is unacceptable - the prisoner release is a scandal," said Palestinian Security Chief Mohammed Dahlan, in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* in Gaza yesterday.

He said that the PA would not count the 150 criminal prisoners

Madeleine Albright spoke by phone to both Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Netanyahu to express her approval of the redeployment.

"I think we need to see this in a positive way, in the fact that things are actually happening that people did not think would happen," said Albright in an interview with Channel 1 TV.

Arafat took the opportunity to complain to Albright about the

Israeli release of criminal prisoners, and, according to Palestinian officials, the secretary of state said she would bring up the matter with the Israelis in time for the next prisoner release, expected in four weeks.

Top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, meanwhile, sent cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and US special envoy Dennis Ross letters of complaint about the release.

"All I have to say," said an

American official, "is: Children, work this out yourselves."

The Palestinians claim that out of the 2,400 political prisoners in Israeli jails, 1,800 did not kill Israelis, and that the verbal agreements made at Wye stipulate that all 750 prisoners to be released in the coming weeks have to come from this group of 1,800.

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Palestinian Police officers raise the Palestinian flag after entering the village of Tubas, northeast of Nablus, yesterday. (AP)

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who were released over the weekend as part of the 750 to be released under the accord.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in turn, said that he will never release murderers or members of terrorist organizations, and that this was made clear at Wye Plantation.

"What do they [the Palestinians] expect of us? That murderers of children and bombers be let out of jail soon after they attack us? I suggest that the Palestinians stop harboring illusions," he said.

On Friday, US Secretary of State

Schedule for Wye implementation

By DANNA HARMAN

The first stage of implementation of the Wye Memorandum has been completed.

Here's a look at what's coming during the next four-week stage:

- This week:**
- Gaza Airport to open on Tuesday;
 - Anti-incitement trilateral committee to convene;
 - Weapons collection program to be established;
 - Southern safe passage routes from Gaza to Hebron to open.
- Both this passage and the Northern route - from Gaza to Ramallah - should have been operational by now, but are being held up because of security

disputes.

• Official reopening of the final-status negotiations.

During the coming two weeks:

The Palestinian Central Council to reaffirm nullification of the clauses in the Palestinian Charter calling for Israel's destruction

During the next four weeks:

- List of policemen to be removed from Palestinian Police force to be completed.
- Clinton to address rally where Palestinian National Council and other PLO organizations are to reaffirm nullification of charter clauses (December 14).

• Committee on the third redeployment to meet

Ongoing:

- Palestinians continue with their security plan implementation;
- Interim committees continue meeting.

At the end of this stage, and after the cabinet votes on the Palestinians' successful fulfillment of its obligations, Israel will:

- release another 250 prisoners;
- carry out the second part of the redeployment: Five percent of area C (West Bank land under full Israeli control) will become area B (land under joint Israeli-Palestinian control).

Redeployment could alter US role

WASHINGTON - The sigh of relief in Middle East policymaking circles here Friday came not only due to the finally achieved Israeli redeployment but also the accompanying, altered reality for US officials.

Gone for good, they hope, are the midnight phone calls from Israeli and Palestinian officials over every dispute that arose.

The indispensable US role in pushing the feuding Israelis and Palestinians toward peace - occurring uninterrupted since the 1996 negotiations leading to the Hebron Accord - is about to change for the better.

As one senior American official described it Friday, "we're in a different world. ... We are back to being an intermediary, not a mediator."

The redeployment alone did not represent the shift. So did the month leading up to it, begun at the nine-day Wye River negotiations. And the payoff was not only the two sides implementing the Wye deal, but also their building a cooperative relationship of direct problem-solving.

The Netanyahu government and the Palestinians never had the luxury of retreating to privacy and expound-

ing on their mutual needs, in a way that the Oslo architects did.

While not idealizing the Oslo experience, the US official underlined the importance of the Israelis and Palestinians participants there getting their doubts and angst out in the open.

"What Wye did... was it created such an intensive immersion that it created a relationship between the two sides. This [Netanyahu] government inherited a relationship but never really developed a relationship. They have now."

"That relationship gives a chance to solve problems. That relationship is critical, not only for implementation but... for final-status [negotiations]," the official said.

When disputes arose post-Wye - over the PLO Charter, prisoner releases, arrest of terrorist suspects - "they talked it out" and "resolved to go forward," he said.

"There will be bumps in the road. That is a given. But the more they see each other operating in good faith, the more you'll find they come

to appreciate the problems, limitations and interests of the other."

Which is not to say that their mutual suspicions evaporated. But with a working arrangement between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat finally in place, and with both sides' continued implementation of their commitments over the three-month process, the US believes that those suspicions will gradually decline.

American officials say they will continue playing a "cooperative role" and are not sanguine about the difficulties ahead, as the PA continues its crackdown on terrorism and Israel proceeds with the next two phases of redeploying from the West Bank.

The three-day, Israeli-Palestinian war of words early last week is not what the US wants to see. But Washington is encouraged by the actions, which are occurring almost on schedule.

"The relationship now has shallow roots. You have to have implementa-

tion continue in a way that the relationship and the roots become deeper. You certainly have a turning point," the official said.

"Doubt and suspicion put a premium on implementation. Implementation that is real without a serious approach to final-status [talks] will rekindle suspicions on both sides. But here you have the emergence of a potential for a different relationship. You have turned a page."

Asked whether the US is now headed back to its pre-Hebron role of guiding but not leading, the official said: "Yes. In the past week our role was a supportive role, not a mediating role. Every problem that cropped up, they talked to each other, not to us. That's healthy."

Washington "will play it by ear" on gauging when or if it needs to jump back in, the official said, and "you have to go through a process that takes into account the psychology of the two sides as well."

"In a very interesting way, both sides see a comfort level in us being involved. What we're trying to get away from is 'when you have a problem, call us.'"



A Palestinian youth greets his brother, who had been jailed for security offenses and was one of 50 Hebron-area Palestinian prisoners released Friday. Of the 50 prisoners, only 10 were security prisoners. (Brian Heidler)

IDF kills 1 in heavy Lebanon fighting

By DAVID RUDGE

At least one gunman was killed by IDF soldiers in a face-to-face gunfight during heavy fighting in south Lebanon over the weekend.

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops also thwarted a number of roadside bomb attacks before the perpetrators could plant the explosive devices.

Golani Brigade troops, who lost three of their comrades in a bomb attack near the Tel Kaba outpost last week, were responsible for preventing one on Friday.

A unit from the brigade was on a mission on Friday afternoon in the Rehan region, in the northeastern

sector of the security zone, when they spotted a Hizbullah squad.

The gunmen were planting explosive devices, which they intended to detonate later against IDF or SLA troops in the area.

The IDF Spokesman said the Golani soldiers opened fire at the men, killing at least one of them.

In an unrelated incident on Friday morning, the IDF Spokesman had originally reported that three other gunmen, from the Amal movement, had been killed.

Amal, however, denied the report and it was later retracted by the IDF.

Also Friday morning, SLA troops spotted a number of gunmen on another bomb-planting mission in the Kantana region, in the central sector of the security zone.

The SLA troops opened fire at the gunmen, who fled the scene, leaving behind several explosive devices which were later destroyed.

It was not clear whether any of the Hizbullah gunmen were hurt in that

incident.

In both cases the roadside bombs were being planted alongside routes used by IDF and SLA troops.

Hizbullah has been intensifying its bomb-planting activities in the past few months, alongside daily long-range mortar and artillery fire at IDF and SLA strongholds.

Golani Brigade battalion commander Lt.-Col. Shlomi said Hizbullah was constantly looking to hit the IDF in its weak spots.

"Routes [used by IDF troops] are one of the main weak spots in the security zone," Shlomi told reporters in the North last night. "There's no doubt that they will return and try again to plant explosive devices and again attempt to hit forces traveling on the routes [in the security zone]."

Shlomi stressed, however, that when it has come to face-to-face combat, the IDF has always emerged with the upper hand, as happened in the incident on Friday afternoon.

He said one unit Golani troops

spotted the bomb-planters from a distance of about 200 meters and opened fire at the Hizbullah squad, hitting one of the gunmen.

Later, during searches of the area, another unit led by the company commander came virtually face-to-face with one of the gunmen - who hurled a grenade at the soldiers from a distance of about 10 meters.

The soldiers opened fire and the company commander killed the gunman.

Throughout the entire operation, the Golani soldiers came under heavy mortar fire from Hizbullah crews apparently trying to cover the retreat of the bomb-planting squad. There were no casualties among the Golani soldiers.

IDF troops on the ground spotted one of Amal's mortar crews and called in warplanes, which struck the position, near Kabrikha village, north of the zone, but did not inflict any casualties.

IDF wraps up Wye's first stage today

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The Civil Administration is to hand over authority to the Palestinians in the Jenin area today as the IDF wraps up the first stage of the Wye Memorandum's redeployment.

The bulk of the IDF pullout in the area took place on Friday morning as Israel withdrew from 500 square kilometers, which included 28 towns and villages now under the complete control of the Palestinian Authority.

In addition, seven villages were transferred from Area C to B (Palestinian civil control and joint security control).

Immediately after a delayed formal map-signing ceremony on the outskirts of Jenin, the IDF began laying out dozens of painted cement blocks demarcating the new zones, and Palestinian police began fanning out to their new positions.

After a break for Shabbat, IDF troops resumed the task last night and were expected to finish by today.

This morning Civil Administration heads are to meet in Beit El to hand over authority in 15 spheres - including communications, electricity, taxation, water, transportation and economy, in the villages being transferred from Area C to B.

The land comprises two percent of the West Bank and includes three nature reserves and a number of sites holy to both Moslems and Jews.

"This closes the first stage of the handover of authority," said Shlomo Dror, spokesman for the Coordinator of Activities in the Territories. "Now we are preparing for the next stage."

According to the Wye agreement, Israel is to hand over an additional 5% of Area C on December 14 and a further 6% at

the end of January.

At the end of the interim stage of the peace process, the Palestinians are to be in joint or sole jurisdiction of about 40% of the West Bank.

On Friday, there was a threat of a crisis when the IDF presented maps to the Palestinians with changes made during a meeting the night before with settlers.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat refused to allow Gen. Haj Ismail Jaber, commander of PA forces in the West Bank, to sign the maps without first seeing the changes.

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon immediately ordered a helicopter, and the two flew directly to Arafat in Hebron.

Ya'alon explained the minute changes and said the area withheld would be made up in the next withdrawals.

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NEWS

in brief

Sharansky lauds slain Duma member

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said that the murder Friday of Duma member Galina Starovoitova (See story, page 5) was a "great tragedy and a major loss for Russia."

"This murder, in the context of the series of recent murders in Russia and in the context of the very difficult economic situation there is an indication of the future dangers to a country which aspires to become a democratic nation," said Sharansky. "It is a warning signal of a possible regression to the dark era of the earlier administrations."

Sharansky said he was shocked by the murder, and added that he had known Starovoitova personally, and that she had made great efforts to build a modern and democratic Russia. "In addition, she felt a closeness to Israel and Israeli democracy and she fought all expressions of antisemitism in her country," Sharansky said. *Danna Harman*

Hanegbi to present proposed court reforms

Legislation that would bring about a major reform in the judicial system is to be presented to the Ministerial Committee on Legislation tomorrow by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi. The main feature of the reform would be to make the magistrate's courts the primary courts for the hearing of almost all criminal cases.

The magistrate's courts would also hear nearly all civil suits, except for those relating to major administrative issues. Once the reform is completed, the district courts would act primarily as appellate courts for those cases heard by the magistrate's courts.

Under the plan, implementing the reform will take four years, during which the authority for various issues will be gradually transferred from the district to the magistrate's courts. *Itim*

Hanegbi questioned again

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi was questioned again on Friday on suspicion he improperly received a salary and car worth some NIS 150,000 from Derech Tzleha, a non-profit association he headed from 1994-1996, in violation of the law prohibiting MKs from moonlighting. During this period he was also chairman of the Knesset Economics Committee, raising the suspicion of a conflict of interest.

It was the second time he had been questioned under caution. The questioning, which took place at the police station at Ne'urim, lasted five hours. Police said he answered all their questions, and denied the allegations. *Itim*

Two unmanned drones crash in separate accidents

Two IAF drones crashed in separate incidents in the north on Friday afternoon, the Air Force said. There have been four such crashes in the past three months. The Air Force said one crashed-landed when it hit an electricity cable while approaching the runway. An initial inquiry blamed it on a technical malfunction. At about the same time, a second unmanned airborne vehicle crashed in the north during a training flight. The IAF uses its drones in the north to photograph the south Lebanon front in its war against Hizbullah guerrillas. *Ariel O'Sullivan*

Remand extended for suspect in anti-PM plot

Acre Magistrate's Court Friday extended by four days the detention of a Shabtai Bloch, suspected of planning to attack Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Several hared members chanted and read psalms to show support for the suspect. Bloch allegedly plotted to attack Netanyahu during his visit to Safed on Thursday evening. Police gave no further details. Bloch's lawyer told Israel radio that his client opposes violence. During his visit hared members demonstrated against Netanyahu over territorial withdrawal. *AP*

Three Palestinians wounded in demonstration

Three Palestinians were lightly wounded yesterday when Israeli soldiers fired rubber bullets to disperse a demonstration of some 200 Palestinians near the settlement of Yitzhar.

The Palestinians were protesting what they said was the uprooting of trees by settlers in the area, but the army said the Palestinians tried to damage an Israeli building.

The army declared the area a closed military zone and arrested three Palestinians, the IDF Spokesman said. *AP*

Egypt praises redeployment

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa yesterday described as "a positive step" Israel's withdrawal from parts of the West Bank and said he hoped for implementation of the rest of the Wye Accord.

Moussa was speaking on his arrival in Oman to deliver a letter from President Hosni Mubarak to Sultan Qaboos. During his one-day visit, Moussa was to discuss regional developments and bilateral ties with Egypt's closest ally in the Gulf. *AP*

Swiss banks make first payment on Jewish assets

The Union Bank and Credit Suisse said Friday that they will make a first payment of \$250 million toward the \$1.25 billion they agreed as settlement of legal claims that they hoarded Jewish Holocaust-era assets. However, no plans for distributing the funds are yet in place, and the settlement is not final, legal sources for the banks and survivors said Friday. The money will be placed in an interest-accumulating US account until a final agreement is signed, Ulrich Pfister, a spokesman for Credit Suisse, said.

The final settlement and allocation must be approved by Edward Korman, the federal judge in Brooklyn, who is overseeing the class-action lawsuits brought against the Swiss banks. *Marilyn Henry*

Power outage affects several capital neighborhoods

It was like the ninth plague of Egypt on Friday night for thousands of observant residents in Jerusalem's Har Nof and Givat Shaul neighborhoods, when a high-power line malfunctioned, leaving them without electricity for nearly two hours.

The breakdown also affected residents of Motza Illit and Kiryat Yovel. Many had to eat their Shabbat dinners by candlelight or in the dark, as the lights went out at about 6:30.

There were several episodes of the lights going on and off before power was restored for good at around 8:30 p.m. Ronen Ze'evi, a duty technician at the Israel Electric Corporation's Jerusalem headquarters explained last night that "we immediately knew there was a power failure. We sent a team out to fix it, but it took time." *Judy Siegel*

NIS 1m. stolen from car headed to Palestinian bank

Armed robbers yesterday stopped a vehicle en route to the Palestine-Amman Bank in Ramallah and made off with some NIS 1 million.

The robbery occurred near Elzariya. After taking the money, the robbers fired shots into the air and fled in a getaway car. *Itim*

Sharon goes to Jordan

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon is to travel to Jordan tomorrow to meet with Jordanian Prime Minister Faiz Tarawna and other top officials. The discussions are to focus on ways to advance joint projects and strengthen economic ties between the two countries. Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky is expected to join Sharon. *Danna Harman*

US reacts cautiously to Iraqi refusal to submit documents

By BARRY SCHWED

WASHINGTON (AP) — A week after he was poised to launch air strikes, President Bill Clinton is taking a more cautious approach to a new barrier Iraq has placed in the path of UN weapons inspectors.

"I think it's important we not overreact," Clinton said yesterday in Seoul, South Korea, after Iraq refused to hand over a record of chemical munitions it may still harbor a decade after the end of its long war with Iran.

On Friday, UN officials said Iraq was objecting to three letters from UNSCOM chief Richard Butler asking for access to documents related to Iraq's chemical and biological programs.

Iraq's deputy foreign minister, Riyadh Kaisi, told Butler in a letter that his request "seems to be provocative rather than professional."

Clinton said that "if they have some independent grounds for objecting to some of this information, that is if they think it's some effort to find out something having nothing to do with matters covered by the UN resolution, they ought to say that and we should immediately resolve it."

By contrast, a week ago, after canceling air strikes at virtually the last minute, Clinton set five tough criteria for judging Iraq's compliance with UN weapons inspectors and indicated that defiance of any of these criteria could provoke a US attack.

One was that Iraq must turn over to Butler's commission all documents bearing on the production of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and missiles that could be used to deliver them.

Another test of Iraq's sincerity in promising to allow unfettered inspections of suspect sites was that Iraq not interfere with the inspectors.

While the UN inspection teams in Iraq were able to carry out their work a fourth consecutive day yesterday, Iraqi officials have told Butler that many of the documents he requested "were destroyed, never existed or had already been turned over."

Baghdad also said it would allow only a partial viewing of a



A UN arms inspector shuts her car door yesterday upon returning to the organization's headquarters in Baghdad, after working for a fourth straight day to inspect missile, chemical and biological sites. (Reuters)

sensitive Iraqi air force documents.

Sandy Berger, the president's assistant for national security affairs, emphasized to reporters in Seoul that military action was still an option.

"We've said all along that the issue here is whether Iraq will meet its obligations under the Security Council resolutions and whether UNSCOM is able to do its work," he said. "If we reach the conclusion that the answer to those questions is negative we obviously are prepared to act."

Moves to bolster US forces in the Persian Gulf were put on hold Monday while the administration watches to see whether Iraq inter-

feres with inspections.

Nonetheless, the aircraft carrier *Enterprise*, with 80 warplanes and accompanied by an amphibious assault group, was expected to arrive in the Gulf region early this week to join the carrier *Dwight D. Eisenhower* with its 70 warplanes and 22 other combat ships, eight armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles. If no new threat arises, the *Eisenhower* could then leave the Gulf within a couple days for its regularly scheduled ship rotation, a Pentagon official said yesterday.

In calling off the attack, Clinton also announced that US policy would be to support opponents of President Saddam Hussein in a

drive to remove him from power.

On Friday, State Department officials said they were compiling a list of groups that could be eligible for \$97 million in US military equipment that Congress authorized to topple Saddam.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is expected to select a coordinator soon to work with opposition groups.

Moreover, her spokesman, James Rubin, said Friday that if Iran, a longtime foe of Baghdad, carried out a surprise visit to one installation to check its monthly production records.

But, he added, "we are not working with [the Iranians] in any shape or form or soliciting their support."

Iranian action could include assistance to Shi'ite Muslims in Iraq or others who have been persecuted by Saddam.

Reuters adds from Baghdad: UN arms inspectors made a "surprise visit" to a monitoring site in Iraq yesterday, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

It quoted Major-General Hussam Amin, head of the National Monitoring Directorate, as saying... "a missile team carried out a surprise visit to one installation to check its monthly production records." INA said inspectors had also visited chemical, biological and nuclear weapons sites yesterday.

NEWSLINE

Do you have any sympathy for Netanyahu, who is faced with an increasing amount of cabinet opposition in moving forward with Wye?

Netanyahu himself is the reason for that opposition, as he has not managed to sell the peace to his cabinet. The minute he touched down at Ben-Gurion Airport, he started violating and cursing the agreement, making out as if it had all been a mistake. He made room for criticism, and so weakened the deal. He never defended the agreement correctly. He is still trying to convey the message that, while he has carried out his obligation to the previous government's agreement, he is fighting against it until the last minute. This message will turn the Israeli people against us. Whoever wants to make peace has to face the consequences. It is the easiest thing in the world to be in the opposition. Arafat is now threatened by Hizbullah, and other groups, and part of the Islamic and the Arab world is against him. Why? Because he signed an agreement with Israel and because he is courageously standing up for it now. Netanyahu should follow suit.

How is the implementation going? Do you see it coming to a successful conclusion in three months?

Unfortunately, until now, Netanyahu has not been treating us as a real partner. "If they give, they get" — I think this is a miserable slogan. And it does not work. Netanyahu gets on TV and says this and that are the obligations of the Palestinians, and if they don't carry it out they will get nothing. These are not written obligations, and he communicates his interpretations to us over the TV. Then, if we implement what we are meant to, it is then seen as following orders from Israel, and we don't follow orders from Israel.

What can you say about the so-called revolving door policy and how are you going to ensure that terrorists remain in jail?

Let's turn it around. What about the revolving door on the Israeli side? Give me a name of an Israeli settler who killed a Palestinian who is still in jail... okay, maybe there is one. But there are Israelis who killed Palestinians roaming around the streets of Tel Aviv. Every Palestinian who kills an Israeli is faced with all the legal ramifications, and we will not be lenient with anyone. This is our ongoing strategy. Together with peace-loving Israelis, we must fight the extremists.

Looking ahead to final status talks, how do you think they will go, and how do you feel about Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon's veto on your direct participation in them?

As regards my role, it is not up to Sharon to make that decision. It is only up to Mr. Arafat. Israel may be planning to drag out these talks, but plans don't always work. For example, Sharon's plan in Lebanon was to exterminate the Palestinian people, but as a result of his plan we came back to our country to build our Palestinian nation... in peace. I hope we will finish the talks at the right time, officially they are to be done by May, and even though realistically we don't expect this... we shall see. *Danna Harman*

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Arafat gave his approval, and Ya'alon and Jaber returned to Jenin for the formal map-signing ceremony.

Jenin Governor Zubair Manasra said the IDF "will tell its troops that they can no longer go into these areas which they have been paroling."

"In the territory returned there are no [military] installations, no Israeli

property and the normal, everyday life of the residents and their roads has not changed," said Brig.-Gen. Itzik Eitan, commander of IDF forces in Judea and Samaria, shortly after the withdrawal started Friday morning. "There is no reason to change anything either in their lives or in the routine instructions for the region."

"The settlers need to know in general the changes in the territory. As far as they are concerned there are no changes in their driving habits or

in running their daily lives.

"We will do whatever is necessary to strengthen security, protect their well-being and give them all the defense necessary to live normal lives," Eitan told reporters.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said that the residents of Ganim and Kadim "are not bargaining chips... they will remain there until the government decides if and when there will be a change."

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

faction with the redeployment. Arafat told reporters late Friday that the withdrawal from 35 towns and villages had "gone well and according to plan."

Arafat sent congratulations to those residents now under his authority, and, in a call for unity, asked that they "raise the Palestinian flag."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, a frequent critic of what he considers Israeli procrastination in the peace process, described the redeployment as "a positive step" and said he hoped Israel would implement the rest of the Wye Memorandum.

Jordan's King Hussein also voiced his approval of the the implementation, calling

Netanyahu last night from the US to congratulate him on the move forward.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman left for the US last night to discuss US aid to Israel. The US has promised to help defray the cost of redeployment, but there is disagreement over just how much funding Israel will receive.

The government originally suggested a ballpark figure of \$1 billion to help build bypass roads and move army bases, but sources say that both the US administration and Congress are talking more about funding in the \$100 million range.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.



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Alleged Israeli spies charged in Cyprus

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — Two Israelis held on suspicion of espionage were formally charged Friday with spying on Cyprus for a foreign country and will go on trial December 8. A defense request for bail was turned down.

The two were also charged with the illegal possession of wireless equipment for espionage use and conspiring with each other to commit a crime.

Udi Hargov, 37, and Igal Damary, 47, were charged during a brief court hearing. Judge Tefkos Economou decided that the two must continue to be held by Cypriot authorities given the gravity of the charges they faced.

"With the intent of harming the safety or the interests of the Cyprus Republic, the accused collected information on the defence of the republic and passed this information on to a foreign country," an investigating officer told the court.

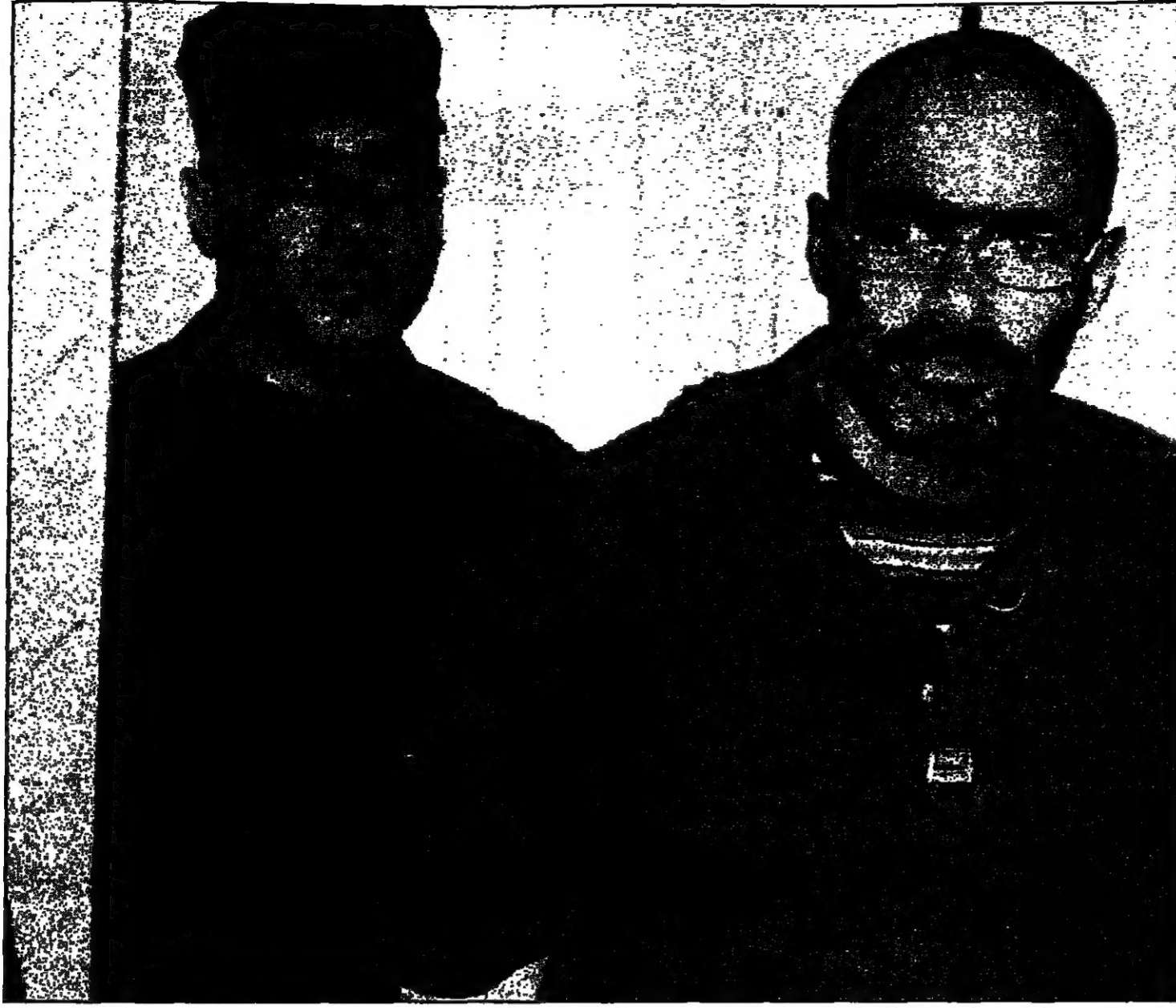
Defense lawyer Antis Triantafyllides earlier said the Israeli Embassy in Cyprus would keep the two men inside its Nicosia premises until the trial begins. Hargov and Damary have been held in the Nicosia Central Prisons since their arrest Nov. 6. An Israeli embassy representative was in court.

Prosecutor George Papaioannou objected to the bail request, arguing that the two faced "serious spying charges." The two Israelis were arrested in the coastal fishing village of Ziyi. Police found surveillance equipment and recording devices in the apartment the two men had rented.

The two deny they are spies, but their arrest soured relations between Cyprus and Israel and came only days after President Ezer Weizman ended the first-ever official visit to the island by an Israeli head of state.

Unshaven and in the same clothes they wore on the day of their arrest two weeks ago, the two were brought to Larnaca from Nicosia in two separate cars. Their hands cuffed behind their backs, they were guarded by armed members of the police anti-terrorist squad.

The spying charge states that the two men collected information



Udi Hargov is led from the Larnaca courtroom where he and Igal Damary were charged with espionage on Friday (AP)

linked to the defense of Cyprus and transmitted this to a "foreign state" through a computer between Oct. 15 and Nov. 6.

Their appearance in court came two days after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office issued a statement that was interpreted by the Israeli media as a confirmation the two worked for

Israel's Mossad.

"The prime minister said that from this inquiry he could confirm that Israel did not act against Cyprus and did not act on Cypriot soil on behalf of or at the request of Turkey," it said.

Turkey has occupied the northern third of Cyprus since 1974, when it invaded the island follow-

ing a coup by supporters of union with Greece. It maintains about 30,000 troops in the north, where a breakaway state was declared in 1983.

Both Israel and Turkey are known to be interested in gaining information on the planned arrival in Cyprus of Russian S-300 anti-aircraft missiles. Ankara

has repeatedly threatened to prevent their deployment on the island, by military means if necessary.

The fishing village where the two Israelis were arrested is the site of a proposed naval base and the area nearby served as a main theater of large Greek-Greek Cypriot war games last month.

NY woman sues rabbis for breach of trust

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Two New York rabbis may have violated clergy-congregant confidentiality, an outraged Queens court judge said last week, allowing a civil suit by an Orthodox woman who claims the rabbis betrayed her by telling her intimate secrets to her estranged husband in a custody battle.

Chani Lightman said she sought religious counseling about her troubled marriage from the rabbis in 1995. After she filed for a civil divorce in February 1996 and sought custody of her four children, the rabbis revealed her secrets to her husband's lawyers, according to her suit in Queens Supreme Court.

While the Lightman divorce is pending, a judge has granted her husband, Dr. Hyman Lightman, temporary child custody.

The Queens judge, David Goldstein, refused to dismiss the civil suit against Rabbis Trvi Flaum and David Weinberger. He said the rabbis may have violated clergy-penitent privilege.

"No member of the clergy...

would dare breach the sanctity of his or her office to make public the type of confidential, private disclo-

tures at issue in this case," the judge wrote in a ruling released Thursday.

"Moreover, to do so under the guise of religious necessity, conviction or the protection of the Torah is not only wrong, it is outrageous."

Flaum is rabbi of Congregation Knesset Israel in Far Rockaway, Queens; Weinberger is rabbi of Temple Shaaray Tefila in Lawrence, Long Island.

Their lawyer, Frank Snitow, said he would appeal the ruling. Snitow contends that the rabbis had a religious obligation to share the information with the divorce court because it dealt with Chani Lightman's ability to raise the children in accordance with Orthodox law and customs.

Chani Lightman, a 38-year-old nurse, told *The New York Post* that she had been betrayed by the rabbis and estranged from the Orthodox community.

"I don't exist anymore. I'm invisible. I feel like I'm dead," she said. "I don't have a life now."

Flaum and Weinberger were said to have provided written statements to the husband's lawyers that Chani Lightman had stopped monthly visits to the mikve for ritual purification baths.

New fund would help get women elected

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

It wasn't on the agenda of last week's General Assembly, and its organization was a hasty, last-minute affair. Nonetheless, the launch of a non-partisan fund to help elect women to political office attracted close to 200 women — far more than organizers had envisaged.

The establishment of the fund, similar to those of JAC (the Joint Action Committee) and Emily's List in the US, is a collaborative effort by American and Israeli women.

"This is the first shot in a concerted strategic initiative by a coalition of Jewish women in

Israel and the Diaspora to change the map of Israeli politics," said Carol Solomon, the national chairperson of the United Jewish Appeal and the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 60-year history.

"There is a need to create a fund for women running for public office, regardless of affiliation," asserted Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who added: "There is no one who prevents women from leading, but rather a bug implemented into the system."

"This country lacks women's voices on major issues on the national agenda," said Meretz MK Naomi Chazan, who recently failed in her mayoral bid in Jerusalem.

US university rewards Swiss whistle-blower

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES — Christoph Meili, the Swiss security guard who prevented the shredding of vital Holocaust-era bank records, has been awarded a full, four-year scholarship at a private southern California university.

During his studies at Chapman University in Orange County, Meili and his family will be supported by a group of Holocaust survivors and the Jewish community.

The 30-year old Meili gained acclaim throughout the world, but also the hostility of his countrymen, after he discovered two large containers with old ledgers, about to be shredded, while making his rounds at the Zurich headquarters of the Union Bank of Switzerland in January 1997.

Inspecting the books, Meili said

he was shocked to discover that they included financial records on bank accounts and other assets belonging to European Jews, many of whom had perished in the Holocaust.

He made his findings public, testified before the US Senate Banking Committee, and after losing his job and receiving threats against his life, sought refuge in the US.

He found work as a hotel doorman in Manhattan, but told reporters that he hoped one day to attend college. Last March he flew to California to speak at a Whittier Law School conference on Nazi gold and unwittingly took the first step toward realizing his ambition.

Among his listeners was William Elperin, president of the "1939 Club," an organization of mostly Polish Holocaust survivors and their families; and Marilyn Haran,

professor of religion at Chapman and founder of the university's Holocaust education program.

Thanks to their efforts, Chapman came up with the four-year scholarship, covering annual tuition costs of \$18,000, and the 1939 Club will provide living expenses for up to five years for Meili, his wife, and two young children.

Meili will start his studies next fall at the 130-year old university, which enrolls about 2,200 students. He has not decided on his major, but has expressed interest in the Chapman programs in computer science, film, history, and pre-law.

"I cannot express how happy I am that Chapman University and the 1939 Club have gone to such lengths to support me and my family," Meili said. "I was just one of the little people who felt I should do what I could to see justice done."

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MP's murder shakes Russia

By OLEG SHCHEDROV

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's feuding political parties, ranging from liberals to Communists, sounded equally alarmed yesterday by the murder of a prominent lawmaker, saying it was a dangerous sign ahead of the next elections.

Police do not know who killed liberal Galina Starovoitova and badly wounded her aide in St. Petersburg late on Friday and are investigating several possible motives.

But both allies and foes of Starovoitova, a long-time leader of the Democratic Choice of Russia (DVR) movement and a member of the State Duma lower house of parliament, have already branded the murder as "political."

"The murder of such a bright personality who was a Duma deputy and an outstanding politician should be viewed as political by definition," the deputy head of President Boris Yeltsin's staff, Oleg Syusuev, told Ekho Moskvy radio.

The killing comes at a time of growing political uncertainty as Yeltsin, dogged by illness and weakened by Russia's economic crisis, withdraws from active political life.

Russia's next parliamentary election is due in December 1999 and the presidential poll in July 2000, but many political forces suspect they may come sooner and have effectively begun their electoral campaign.

A series of recent scandals, including charges by prominent businessman Boris Berezovsky that elements in the security services planned to kill him, and an unexpected legal action against the main public television network ORT, have fuelled fears that political tensions could spin out of control.



Two police officers pass the place where Russian MP Galina Starovoitova (inset) was gunned down in St. Petersburg on Friday. (AP)

Starovoitova had been visiting St. Petersburg to help her movement's campaign ahead of an election for the local legislature scheduled for December 6.

"There is a feeling someone is clearing space ahead of the St. Petersburg polls," RIA news agency quoted a senior Duma deputy from the ultra-nationalist party of Vladimir Zhirinovskiy as saying.

"I am sure this should be investigated thoroughly, because otherwise the 1999 election may turn into something horrible," Alexei Mitrofanov told RIA.

The political atmosphere has been further clouded by recent antisemitic remarks made by radical Communist Albert Makashov, who called for Jews to be rounded up and jailed, and by the Duma's subsequent failure to censure him.

"I think these events are all links in one chain," liberal deputy Ella Panfilova told Ekho Moskvy. "This shows that in our society the process of intolerance to each other is developing. I think we are on the brink."

Sergei Yushenkov, another DVR leader, told NTV television that Starovoitova had received many threats from political foes, especially after she attacked the Communists over Makashov.

But yesterday the Communists were fast to denounce her murder and to deny any involvement. They also blasted the authorities for failing to stem Russia's post-Soviet crime wave.

"It is very dangerous to speculate about the possible motives of the crime," Interfax news agency quoted senior Communist deputy Viktor Ilyukhin as saying.

"It is even more dangerous to try and blame the Communist Party for this simply because Starovoitova fought it."

Starr adviser Dash resigns

By JOHN WHITESIDES

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Kenneth Starr's ethics adviser resigned in protest on Friday, dealing a fresh blow to the independent counsel the day after a heated impeachment showdown in Congress with supporters of President Bill Clinton.

Sam Dash, a Watergate veteran, sent Starr a blistering two-page letter criticizing his appearance before the House Judiciary Committee and accusing him of abuse of office by becoming an advocate of impeachment.

"You have violated your obligations under the independent counsel statute and have unlawfully intruded on the power of impeachment which the Constitution gives solely to the House," Dash said to Starr.

Starr responded with a letter in which he said Dash had reflected "an inaccurate view of the law, as well as of the events that unfolded yesterday."

He defended his appearance, pointing out that he was invited, and did not ask, to testify. He said he stressed that the House had sole power to impeach and noted that no committee member had raised the same objections as Dash.

"You suggest that, by appearing, I harmed public confidence in the independence of the Office..."

A refusal to appear would have suggested that we have something to hide, or that we are unwilling to defend and stand by the written referral," Starr wrote.

Dash's move came only hours after the Republican-led panel voted in closed session to expand the impeachment inquiry beyond the perjury and obstruction of justice allegations stemming from Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Exhausted committee members voted in the early hours of Friday, after Starr's marathon 12-hour testimony, to take closed-door depositions from four new witnesses, including two who could provide information related to former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey's allegations Clinton groped her in a room near the Oval Office.

Clinton denies the charges. In day-long testimony, Starr sparred with Clinton's personal attorney David Kendall and fended off angry Democratic accusations about his ethics and methods.

Republicans, who gave Starr a standing ovation at the conclusion of his testimony, hoped the counsel's appearance would help rebuild his battered public image and reignite the impeachment drive.

First stage of space station launched

By ADAM TANNER

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (Reuters) - Russia ushered in a new era in space exploration Friday by launching the first module of the \$60 billion International Space Station.

A Russian Proton rocket blasted off from Baikonur cosmodrome in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan carrying the Russian-built - but US-financed - Zarya navigation and propulsion module toward its orbit.

Officials monitoring the launch cheered as the unmanned Zarya separated from the booster rocket and went into orbit 353 km. above earth.

"This is a historic day for it sets the foundation for the new station," said Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev.

"It is important not only scientifically but also politically because it was established on the basis of international cooperation. All projects in the 21st century should take place on such a basis," he said.

Officials said the station unfolded its solar panels, the key source of energy, soon after launch and completed several orbits by early afternoon.

Bringing together the US, Russia, Europe, Japan and Canada, the station will be the most expensive home ever built, holding seven astronauts when it is finished in 2004 in an interior equal to the inside of two jumbo jets.

Some experts question whether the astronomical cost of the new station is justified, but optimism prevailed on launch day.

"We have only 44 launches to go and about a thousand hours of space walks and countless problems and countless issues," Dan Goldin, head of U.S. space agency NASA, told a news conference after the launch.

"But if we ever want to leave Earth orbit we're going to have to figure out how people live and work safely and efficiently with space science as a vital scientific field in his ministry, and that it would promote Israel in world economic projects."

Shalom said that Israel recently rejected a Russian proposal to send an Israeli space pilot to the Mir space station.

The reasons, the minister said, was that Mir is supposed to be retired sometime next year, and because Israel prefers full cooperation with NASA.

"Now we have gone from confrontation to cooperation," he added.

Judy Siegel adds: Science Minister Silvan Shalom will lobby for Israeli participation in the US space station project, due to be launched in 2004.

Shalom, who visited the Houston Space Center in Texas last week, said it has already been agreed that some Israeli companies will develop high-tech parts of the station.

Close participation in NASA's project would help Israeli companies exposure their skills and products to the world and turn them into world leaders in their field, Shalom said, and promote economic development here.

Two Israeli astronaut trainees, Ilan Ramon and Yitzhak Mayo, were sent to Houston three months ago, under an agreement signed between NASA and the Science Ministry's Israel Space Agency in late 1996.

It was agreed then that Israel would carry out a suitable space experiment.

The project agreed upon involves the study of dust storms over this part of the Middle East; this will have major implications in agriculture, the production of artificial rain and weather prediction.

Ramon, who is due to be Israel's first astronaut, said that he expects to join a NASA crew and help carry out the experiment within two years, but no date has yet been set.

Shalom added that he regarded

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Colombia death squad kills 13 peasants

BOGOTA (Reuters) - At least 13 men were killed by a suspected right-wing death squad in a mountain village in north-west Colombia, local authorities said Friday.

Luis Fernando Restrepo, mayor of nearby Yolombo, said two bodies were found on Thursday and the others on Friday in two outlying villages. They had been shot several times. Right-wing paramilitary gangs frequently attack civilians they suspect of sympathising with their leftist rebel enemies. Human rights groups say the outlawed gangs operate with the tacit or open backing of the security forces.

Military sources said the victims may have been combatants who died in a firefight between paramilitary fighters and National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrillas.

Oklahoma zookeeper loses arm in tapir attack

OKLAHOMA CITY (Reuters) - A Malayan tapir on Friday bit off the arm of a woman keeper who was feeding it in its pen, Oklahoma City zoo director Steve Wylie said.

The woman, whose name and age had not been released, was in critical condition at a local hospital.

Wylie said the female tapir had an infant, which may have been part of the reason it attacked.

The Malayan tapir, a native of southeast Asia, resembles a black-and-white pig with an extended snout.

It can weigh 800 pounds and on average grows to a height of three feet at the shoulder.

CBS to show Kevorkian's euthanasia video

DETROIT (Reuters) - Dr. Jack Kevorkian, vowing to force a legal showdown over assisted suicide, will appear this evening on a 60 Minutes segment in which he for the first time gives a lethal injection to a terminally ill man.

In the past, he has had patients pull a string that starts the injections.

CBS-TV said 60 Minutes plans to broadcast the tape as part of a segment on Kevorkian.

The 70-year-old retired pathologist said he gave three injections to 52-year-old Thomas Youk of Waterford Township, Michigan on September 17. Youk suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also called Lou Gehrig's disease.

"We need active euthanasia. There are patients who just can't do this for themselves," Kevorkian told the Oakland Press in an article published on Friday.

"From now on I'm doing them all that way - it is faster, cleaner and easier."

British stores desperately seeking fat Santas

LONDON (Reuters) - British stores and shopping malls are desperately seeking fat elderly men to play Santa Claus in their Christmas grottos.

"We just cannot find any suitable actors who are still, shall we say, on the porky side. All the applicants seem to live on salads and look after their bodies," said a spokesman for the Ministry of Fun entertainment agency yesterday.

"They're too thin. You cannot just strap a cushion on them and hope to fool the kids because they'll suss it out (realise it) straightaway," he added.

The agency has sent out a plea for fat actors to come forward after demand for Santas from stores and shopping malls-outstripped supply.

US says N. Korea ties at 'critical' point

By CAROL GIACOMO

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said on Friday the US continues to have serious problems with North Korea's missile program and relations with Pyongyang are at a "critical juncture."

She was reacting to reports that, despite international pressure, North Korea is building at least two new launch facilities for the medium-range Taepo Dong 1 missile and has stepped up production of short-range missiles.

"We have ongoing serious concerns about the North Korean missile program," Albright told a news conference after talks with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana.

"We have insisted that the DPRK (North Korea) cease its long-range missile development, production and export program and we are at a critical juncture in our relations with Pyongyang," she said.

"The choice is for the North to behave in a way that allows for a positive direction in our relations," she added.

In a sign of growing concern about problems with North Korea, President Bill Clinton last week appointed former defense secretary William Perry to coordinate US policy toward Pyongyang and to do a complete review of that policy.

Perry, who lives in California, is due in Washington tomorrow to begin his new job in earnest. He will be assisted by Ambassador Wendy Sherman, a top adviser to Albright and the State Department counselor.

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Assassination in Russia

Lawlessness in Russia is starting to alarm the rest of the world, but it is a problem only Russia can solve. The especially repugnant assassination of a woman member of parliament yesterday seems at last to have shocked political parties of every persuasion. It is to be hoped their anger will be turned into serious action for a change, rather than the more usual internal recriminations.

President Boris Yeltsin is said to be furious over the murder of liberal Duma member Galina Starovoitova. However, without doubting his sincerity, it must be said that Yeltsin himself is partly to blame for the dangerous drift to anarchy in Russia.

A near-paralyzed president is responsible for his near paralyzed nation. The country's weakness, economic illness, and lack of any dynamic planning are now merely a mirror of the illness, weakness, and uncertainty that surrounds the presidency. He can no more escape responsibility for what is happening to Russia than the ineffectual President Brezhnev could for similar years of drift and stagnation in the Soviet Union.

One thing is certain: If Russia aspires to be a constitutional and democratic state, it cannot afford to have its members of parliament picked off like rabbits by the gangsters and gunmen who seem to be calling the shots - literally.

Police yesterday tried to ascertain whether the murder of this outstanding woman politician in St. Petersburg was criminal or not, but the distinction seems especially irrelevant. The level of crime in Russia is a political issue, the fear and official corruption it is engendering are political issues, and the murder of no less than six elected members of parliament since November 1994 is assuredly a serious political issue. Even in the unlikely event that Ms. Starovoitova was a ran-

dom victim of murderous thieves, her killing remains a political assassination, because those who are outside the law also seem to think they are running the country.

Russian cities are beginning to resemble a modern urban version of the Wild West and grave danger looms for the parliamentary elections next year if someone does not take a firm grip on the nation's affairs, and fast. In the murky world of corrupt state officials, powerful mafia, rogue security service agents, and ostentatious wealth living beside grinding poverty, a witch's cauldron of trouble is brewing. In a country of Russia's size, if the gun becomes the prime force behind politics, there is no telling what evil paths the nation might take.

Yeltsin continues to assure his people there will be no return to the Soviet era, but that is no longer the issue. The looming threat to Russians now is not communism but fascism.

Lawlessness and economic chaos are creating opportunities for right-wing extremists who have become increasingly vocal (and antisemitic) and are waiting only for Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov to fail. In many regions, extreme nationalists already claim they alone can "save" Russia from economic ruin, national humiliation and the inevitable "internal enemies" - meaning Jews.

It has become a dangerous land and Israel needs to be particularly vigilant in monitoring antisemitic rhetoric and the threat it poses to Russian Jewry.

In the meantime, the best tribute Yeltsin could pay to the latest slain parliamentarian would be to vacate the presidency and let some of Russia's many fine politicians and leaders get to grips with saving their homeland from even worse disasters.

North Korea's duplicity

If it is not Iraq's turn to be an international troublemaker, it must be North Korea's. This other dictatorship, groaning under a megalomaniac cult of personality, with its people starving in the streets, also has a pet obsession with weapons of mass destruction and general diplomatic gangsterism.

US President Bill Clinton said yesterday he is very concerned about a suspected underground nuclear facility in North Korea and warned the Stalinist outlaw state that its efforts to proliferate nuclear weapons, missiles and other such weapons will not be tolerated.

The underground site near Yongbyon was supposedly decommissioned under a 1994 agreement with the United States, which agreed to provide North Korea with two advanced nuclear power reactors and alternative energy sources in return for the communist regime freezing its nuclear program.

An old Soviet nuclear power plant was situated at Yongbyon. North Korea now wants \$300 million in exchange for allowing American scientists into the underground complex, where the CIA believes a new nuclear weapons plant is being built. This

demand can only be described as extortion. Such a payment certainly would not go into buying food for North Koreans, but for developing the country's completely unnecessary ballistic missile program.

Washington has not directly accused North Korea of breaching the agreement and pursuing an independent nuclear program - indeed, the US ambassador to South Korea clarified Washington's suspicions by saying it lacks "conclusive evidence" that the site is a nuclear facility under construction.

However, he did say there is enough information to warrant suspicion. Last week a State Department delegation visiting the famine-hit country was refused access to the complex, where US spy satellites have photographed thousands of workers.

Since North Korea supposedly has nothing to hide, it has nothing to lose by allowing international inspectors to look over the site. With its past history of duplicity, lies and international provocation, it is the least it can do to reassure a world that is helping feed its people while the regime continues to waste money on a quest to build weapons of mass destruction.

OPINION

Partying on the Titanic

RUBY RIVLIN

The prime minister, leader of the "national camp," returned victorious from the Wye summit, agreement in hand, following what had been reportedly tough and uncompromising negotiations. This agreement was presented as a tremendous political achievement, with the ultimate seal of approval - Ariel Sharon's signature.

Nevertheless, the public has not been particularly impressed, despite the government's consid-

line is that same menacing bottom line that we had after Oslo: Almost half of Judea and Samaria will be handed over to Yasser Arafat, who is well on the way to establishing his state. How sad and ironic that this is taking place under the auspices of a Likud-National Religious Party government.

It's the same old Arafat too, who stood in the White House and praised the martyrs of the Palestinian struggle against the Israeli occupation, to the

Could Shimon Peres have been right about the Oslo process when he asked 'What alternative is there?'

erable propaganda efforts.

Let us just recall the tenuous majority with which the prime minister passed the agreement in the cabinet. All the Likud ministers, with the exception of those who were party to preparing the Wye concoction, abstained.

Not that there is any reason to praise those ministers who preferred to hide behind the passive vote which the rules allow. Each and every one of them - in fact, even those who voted against the agreement and did not merely abstain - still bears responsibility for anything that occurs following the implementation of this miserable agreement.

Not one of them followed the example of Benny Begin, who resigned from the cabinet after the Hebron Agreement was approved, and taught the public - and Israeli politicians in particular - a forgotten lesson in the rules of public accountability.

In any event, two-and-a-half years have passed since Benjamin Netanyahu won the elections and it would appear that the path taken by the Likud has led us to precisely the same spot at which he took over the reins of power from the Labor Party.

Maybe we gained some time; maybe we managed to display some ostensible toughness for a couple of years. But the bottom

appliance of our prime minister and of Ariel Sharon (who was careful not to shake Arafat's hand, and made sure we all knew it).

Could it be that Shimon Peres, when Labor was in power, was right, when he asked - in response to the cries of anguish voiced by half of the nation - "What alternative is there?"

A FAIR proportion of the public believes that there truly is no alternative; that the Oslo process has gone beyond the point of no return and that what was, can no longer be. Perhaps we should all have realized that from the moment in September 1993, when Rabin shook hands with Arafat, a process began that cannot be stopped.

Many people realized this - even in the national camp - and called for the ideology to be updated and adapted to changing reality. Others demanded that a real alternative to the Oslo process should be presented before it was too late. Even Netanyahu himself, just a few months ago, presented a real alternative, suggesting that negotiations on the permanent settlement begin immediately, while we still held most of the territory.

If this is indeed the case, why was the Wye Memorandum not



Greetings from Saddam

presented for what it really is? Why did we not tell the people that despite the fact that for the past two-and-a-half years we have attempted to minimize the damage caused by the previous government, it finally became clear at Wye that not only is the Oslo process irreversible, it is also impossible to divert it from its course and final objective?

Why did Netanyahu not explain to the people that the concepts that accompanied the Oslo and Cairo accords from the very first moment is based on a lie, and that the previous government trapped his government, and indeed all of us, in a process which was based entirely on duping the public?

Does anyone remember the promise that the process could be stopped if the "Gaza/Jericho First" experiment failed? Does anyone remember the term "hot pursuit?"

In short, why did Netanyahu not admit at the outset that he had inherited an impossible situation, from which we would never be able to extricate ourselves now or in the future? When he returned from Wye, why, at the very least, could he not admit this?

TO THE prime minister's credit it

could be said that up to the very last minute he genuinely believed that he had the power to stop the deteriorating situation and prove - as someone who had been elected not to continue the path taken by Rabin and Peres should have done - that an alternative was possible.

We could give Netanyahu credit by saying that he had genuinely intended to go straight to the final-status talks, as he had declared he would just a year ago. This could have been the Likud's real alternative, the most realistic option under the objective conditions which Netanyahu inherited.

Had Netanyahu returned from Wye and explained that despite all his hopes and efforts, it was a case of "mission impossible" - even for a tough government which had championed the policy of halting the Oslo process and diverting it to a more moderate track - then we could give him this credit.

But then, Netanyahu would have had to back up his words with explanations.

Instead, he preferred to return from Wye as the "victor." And in doing so he has given the signal to start the party on the deck of the Titanic.

The sinking ship

DANIEL BLOCH

After several years of absolute economic rule it is now evident that the writing was on the wall. The support and blessing of Neeman and Netanyahu, "succeeded" in diminishing economic growth and exports, increased unemployment to dangerous levels, caused a deep recession and did not even succeed in curbing inflation.

An example of this lack of vision is Minister of Education Yitzhak Levy. He did not make any mark in his field and his voice is not heard in trying to solve the students' justified strike, which in the long run might be the straw that breaks the camel's back and brings an end to this government.

The voting patterns of cabinet ministers and Likud MKs indicate that the mice are already planning to leave

The writing was on the wall. Almost everybody saw it except that leading trio of economic policy.

Very few ministers came out against these policies. Only Meridor and David Levy resigned from their comfortable government seats because of economic and social differences, and events have proven that their opposition and criticism was well-founded.

With the exception of Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky (in the case of the economic and development budget), other ministers in charge of important economic and social portfolios did not protest forcefully, and in most cases failed to bring about a change in the harmful policies.

THE VOTING patterns of cabinet ministers and Likud MKs indicate that the mice are already planning to leave the sinking ship. This government cannot survive for much longer.

Netanyahu realistically has only two options: The first possibility is an agreement with the opposition on a date for early elections, immediately after the implementation of the Wye River agreements and before the crucial stage of the final status negotiations. The second one is to issue a concrete and serious offer for a unity government based on parity between Likud and Labor.

The initiative for this option must come from the prime minis-

ter. If he issues a serious offer, he will put Labor Party leader Ehud Barak in an awkward position, making it hard for him to refuse.

However, it seems unlikely that Netanyahu will make such an offer for fear that Barak might accept it.

I believe that only a unity government can lead Israel at this time, when so many difficult decisions that will shape our future must be made. The key issues run the gamut from the peace process and economic and social policies to relations between the Orthodox minority and the moderate majority, the relationship between Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora, the changing order of priorities and putting education and investment in brain power as the highest priority, with investment in infrastructure and quality of life taking following in importance.

No government supported by only a small majority can ever begin to tackle this enormous complexity of problems. Therefore early elections pose the only real option. The voter will choose the next prime minister directly (unless the system is changed soon) and determine the relative strength of the parties. There will be no other alternative but to form a wide coalition based on all the forces in the moderate center. Only this kind of coalition will produce a stable, effective government.

To distract and burden Saddam

STEPHEN S. ROSENFELD

Let us score President Clinton's Iraq crisis of last weekend.

First, none of Iraq's terror weapons were found or put out of commission, and Saddam Hussein remains in power. These are the key strategic considerations, and they are the commanding debits on the American balance sheet. They ensure that Bill Clinton's crisis, which arose from George Bush's failure to finish Saddam off in the Gulf War, will go on.

In daily, tactical terms, however, Clinton has something to show for his Iraq weekend:

He got the international arms inspectors back into Iraq, Saddam's squeezing them out in August was the trigger of this crisis. Even under the best of circumstances, which do not exist, inspectors cannot guarantee to uncover hidden troves of terror. But the inspections offer a proven better immediate prospect of further disclosure than anything else that is at hand.

He kept the oil embargo and the other internationally approved economic sanctions on. Some contend this does not matter all that much to a Saddam indifferent to his own people's privations. But it matters urgently to a Saddam desperate to

restore the military strength that is the basis of his regional and personal ambitions.

He brought the Atlantic Alliance, the other powers in the Security Council, the Arab consensus and everyone else who counts - the whole familiar gang of evaders and equivocators - into support of the pro-inspection pro-compliance American position in the showdown with Iraq. As the clock ticked down on the military's attack plans, Saddam Hussein found himself alone.

He doused at least until the next test the widespread suspicions that he was a hesitant, "cruise missile president" unprepared to bring heavy military force to bear.

He managed this crisis by making a credible military threat and then, to keep from being cast as the aggressor, by quickly sheathing that threat when Saddam made his last-minute change of mind and admitted the inspectors.

He kept intact a stern and unanimous Security Council position requiring Saddam to satisfy the full demands of the inspectors before the council

takes up Saddam's demands for relief from the oil embargo. To reinforce US demands, American planes and missiles are remaining on station and on alert for some period of time.

He opened, perhaps to his own surprise, a potentially useful alternate line of policy directed at supporting a "new government" somehow to challenge Saddam Hussein. Or, in diplomatic, he started adding to the continuing policy of the containment of Saddam a new element aimed at the replacement or overthrow of Saddam. Tough guy that he is, Saddam has got to consider what this element might someday bring.

LAST FEBRUARY, Clinton looked the failure in Iraq, having lost virtually all traces of realism, initiative, coherence and nerve in his approach to Saddam.

In November he may not be visibly closer to terminating the military threat posed by the Iraqi dictator or to terminating his rule, but he has reduced his embarrassments by assembling the elements of a policy to limit the damages - including the

political damages in Washington. The Clinton administration's explanation of the turn centers on what it describes as its decision to shift the general focus from America's troubled performance to Saddam's noncompliance with UN resolutions and his continuing threat to the stability and peace of the region. Saddam's inspection shutdown of August 5 provided the requisite occasion.

The result is that the administration now sees it is the current squeeze on an isolated Saddam. Either he'll comply - this is considered unlikely, though not to be entirely dismissed before the fact - or the American people and others will see that the United States occupies the moral high ground and will support the use of force, however problematic the consequences.

Again I note that none of this ensures the ouster of Saddam or the full revealing of his menacing armory and arsenal. But it is a politically sustainable way at least to distract and burden him and to contain his capacity for making trouble. It is the better part of wisdom to acknowledge that more than that may not soon be in the cards.

(The Washington Post)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW ZEALANDERS' PLEA

Sir: - As one of the two past presidents of the New Zealand Zionist Federation to make aliyah, I must support the letter you published from Benita Steingold (Nov. 13.)

I argued this case with none other than Akiva Levinsky, one-time treasurer of the WZO in our Auckland office many years ago.

The best help for Israel now from NZ is a lively active Zionist Movement. Not only will it help the small isolated community to

survive but also act in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs acting as a standby help for the small but hardworking Embassy in Wellington.

The NZ Fed also has a reputation of helping in matters of trade and tourism to say nothing of hasbara. There are, that there are 101 jobs the movement can and does do for Israel and it is downright shabby of the Agency to ignore past commitments and ignore letters of appeal.

NAMES FOR NEWBORNS

Sir: - I would like to react to Allison Kaplan Sonamer's article "Untitled offspring" (November 10), starting with a joke some of my old fellow students may remember. When browsing in the students' bookstore we found to our great hilarity that Shakespeare was to be found (alphabetically arranged) under W (for William, Shakespeare.)

With regard to Allison's current perplexity concerning her baby's

name, I called my daughter Rina, wishing her a life joyful as a song (and internationally acceptable), one son Michael, the other Ariel. And Rina, living in Britain at the time of my first grandson's birth, called him David (meaning "beloved"), which is globally acceptable, just in case....

Since Allison doesn't divulge the baby's sex, and she would, perhaps, wish for something a little less diaspora-conscious, I admired a recent

The late president Chaim Herzog named New Zealand as the per capita greatest country of aliyah and we deserve the support of the Agency, not the shabby treatment currently being dished out. I hope that the Agency, from Mr. Burg down, offers the courtesy of a reply.

ERNEST MARKHAM M.B.E.

Past President, NZ Zionist Federation

well-known choice, Hebrew for "jubilee." Yovel, which is a joyful name saying the baby is "precious" (for jewel-thinking overseas relatives), as well as reminding one of "jubilation" and (my Webster) "a special occasion or manifestation of joyousness."

This is a most excellent "label for life."

MARGE E. LANDSBERG

Haifa.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On November 22, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported the warning given by the Directors of the Palestine Potash Company that they would be unable to carry out an important extension program because of the prevailing scarcity of labor. They also cautioned that the Mandatory Government was precipitating an

economic crisis on this issue.

25 years ago: On November 22, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the President of the Supreme Court, Judge Shimon Agron, named four men: former chiefs of staff Yigael Yadin and Haim Laskov, Dr. Yitzhak Nibenzahl, the State Comptroller, and Supreme

Court Judge Moshe Landau, to serve with him on the Commission of Inquiry into the Yom Kippur War. Israel complained to the UN cease-fire observers on the continued violations of the truce by the Egyptian Second and Third Armies.

Alexander Zvielli

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Joaquín Sorolla y Bastida (1863-1923): *En La Yola*, oils, 1910 (sold for \$1.65m. at Sotheby's New York)

Cash flow caution

AT THE AUCTIONS

We know there's a cash flow problem among the middle-class, but is it also currently a problem of the wealthy? In this season's New York sales, there are too many paintings, many of them truly major canvases, chasing too few spenders. Altogether, there are thousands of cataloged art works currently chasing bidders in New York and London. The best works are chiefly from estates, while the lower fliers come from cash-hungry dealers and collectors. The lesser works are not selling.

Really top items usually find buyers, but this wasn't the case with Sotheby's sale in New York last week, of the best of the Readers Digest Collection, offered by a corporation itself trying to solve its cash flow problems. Despite the fact that it was standing room only at the sale, the number of lots that did not sell - including great paintings by Cezanne, Bonnard and a superb abstract head by Brancusi - almost equalled the 37 that did.

However 29 of the 37 sold went for more than \$1m. each and record auction prices were set for a 1919 Modigliani of his wife (\$15m., far above its estimate) and a Giacometti group bronze (\$7.4m.). Another Modigliani of his wife went for an expected \$9.9m. A Cezanne landscape went for \$11m. and Monet's *Pond with Nymphaea* for \$9.9m. A small late Van Gogh of some cottages at Auvers, once thought to be a pastiche by his neighbors, went for \$4.4m. The Renoir portrait of a little girl reproduced in a previous column topped \$5.3m., and a Kandinsky and a Picasso topped \$3m. But the record lots aside, the only lot to reach its top estimate was Joaquín Sorolla's remarkable oil of three men in a rowboat (\$1.65m.). Incidentally, more and more of the lively seascapes by this Spanish virtuoso are coming on offer.

The Digest Corporation sale

totalled \$86.5m., its median estimate. It had hoped for more. Nevertheless, Sotheby's did well on the evening: total sales of Impressionist and Modern paintings came to \$123.8m., the best single evening figure at Sotheby's since 1990.

IN 1893, Paul Gauguin returned to France from his first stay in Tahiti with just four francs in his pocket. He desperately needed to sell his work and did not return to the South Seas until nearly two years later. His Paris studio, surrounded by musicians as well as artists (and a number of young models) and Gauguin painted noted cellists and guitarists. His strange portrait of a guitarist dressed as a Tahitian is being offered at Sotheby's December 7 London sale of Impressionists and moderns (\$2m.-\$3m.). A smashing fauvist *Derain* of a forest glade from 1906 is also on offer. Though fairly small, this delightful canvas should top its best estimate of £800,000 (\$1.5m.). A lively 1885 Monet of his companion Alice and his son Michel taking a meal beneath a sunlit canopy in their garden at Giverny is expected to sell between £2m.-£3m. Also in this sale is a stunning Degas pastel from around 1887 of a slim young model reaching out of her bath for a towel (£1m.-£1.5m.).

A SALE devoted entirely to magnificent Chinese ceramics and objects from the Tang Dynasty is to be held at Christie's Los Angeles December 4. Tang horses and court ladies are unsurpassed and widely famous. The figurines of foreign traders, grooms and handlers also on offer testify to the 300-year dynasty's cosmopolitan connections via the Silk Road. A massive brown and straw-glazed Bactrian camel is symbolic of the imperial camel office which supervised links with central Asia and provided a military courier service on the frontier (\$120,000-\$180,000). A quite superb Peregian horse, some 70cms. high, is expected to fetch \$450,000-\$550,000. Equestrian ceramics, Buddhist carvings and Chinese spirits are



Amedeo Modigliani (1884-1920): *Jeanne Hebuterne on a Chair*, oils, 1919 (sold for \$9.9m. at Sotheby's New York; a companion picture sold for a record \$15m.)

also on offer, as well as a remarkable painted money chest. Some of the objects are in carved amber.

THE UNUSUAL late Van Gogh self-portrait, probably his last, that was to be sold at Christie's New York last week, after this column went to press, was painted at Saint Remy in September 1889, just before the artist left the sanatorium there. It shows the face of a sad but strong-looking man, quite clean-shaven and even a trifle youthful.

This painting passed through a dozen hands, including those of Paul Cassirer, but it was originally painted as a birthday gift to the artist's mother, which may provide an explanation for its attempt to assure the viewer that all is reasonably well with the sitter. Yet Van Gogh the artist could neither pretty himself nor dispense with an expression of the eyes that, in hindsight, seems to presage his tragic end. This beautifully painted, quite riveting portrait did not carry a public estimate.

AUCTION RECORDS were set by nine artists at Sotheby's sale of Contemporary Art in New York last week. Damien Hirst, Charles Ray, Jeff Koons, Martin Puryear, Jasper Johns (for a drawing, \$992,500), Bruce Marden, Jean Metzinger (for a drawing) and Richard Lindner all performed well. But it was a major work by the late Californian painter Richard Diebenkorn that was the star of the sale. His superb "Horizon-Ocean View" a still figurative oil that presaged his abstract "Ocean Park series," more than doubled its estimate and his



Vincent van Gogh (1853-90): *Self-portrait*, oils, 1899 (expected to set a seasonal record at Christie's New York)

previous record to go for \$3.96m.

Also at this sale, Andy Warhol's "Four Marilyns" went for below its estimate at \$2.3m.

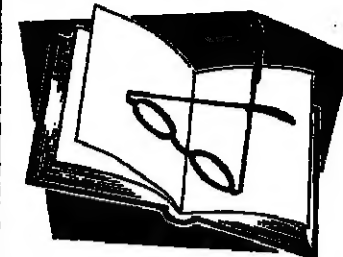
Stop Press: The Brancusi head and a Bonnard still life that failed in the sale mentioned above were

subsequently taken at a "private sale," when they were presumably let go for well below their estimates.

A failed Renoir and a Cezanne watercolor were also sold in this fashion, bringing Sotheby's sales total for the week to \$212.5m.

A savvy character who solves mysteries

BOOK REVIEW



By Carole Goldberg

AN AMERICAN KILLING, by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith (Henry Holt, \$23, 360 pp.)

Let's hear it for Mary-Ann Tirone Smith. She's written a book that includes President Clinton and sex - yet, to our great relief, is not about President Clinton having sex. Better yet, it's an often funny, often scary and always fast-moving mystery.

Tirone-Smith, who lives in Ridgefield, Connecticut, has written four other novels, including *Masters of Illusion*, based on the 1944 Hartford circus fire. She likes to take real world events, such as that fire or D-Day, and weave a good book around them.

Not so coincidentally, so does Denise Burke, the tart-tongued heroine of *An American Killing*.

Denise, whose specialty is writing true crime books, got her start as a food columnist for a weekly in fictional Bridgefield, Conn.

So how did she move from mashed potatoes to murderers? In an all too up-close-and-personal way: Her deskmate Sam, a sportswriter, turns out to be a clone of Ted Bundy. Denise, who is married to a Yale law professor turned adviser to Clinton, chronicles Sam's murders, trial and execution.

That book launches her career and improves the balance of power in her marriage to self-absorbed Nick. It also introduces Denise to the even smarter-mouthed Poppy Rice, whose prosecution of Sam propels her to a top job at the FBI. Denise and Poppy's salty conversations are among the highlights of the book.

DENISE is at the top of her game, living in Washington, vacationing in Watch Hill and writing best-sellers. Then into her life comes charismatic Owen Allen, Democratic congressman

from Rhode Island.

Owen is a man of alarming charm, and bright and cynical though she may be, Denise falls hard. He seduces her body and soul, offering something she cannot resist: a murder that remains a mystery, even though a man already sits convicted in prison.

Owen's from New Caxton, a failed factory town in Rhode Island that his family has owned virtually for centuries. Populated by Italians, Poles and blacks, it has achieved a rare, if odd, racial harmony.

Folks treat each other as equals, share recipes and sing in each other's churches. But the melting pot never fully melds them. And they live in quasi-medieval fealty to Owen and his brother Charles, last descendants of the town's founders.

The town's hard-won harmony does not protect it from corruption.

Murder - a ghastly, gory murder - devastates New Caxton. An Italian grandmother, her handicapped son and beloved grandson are brutally slain. A black man, once the town's football hero, is accused and convicted in a trial rife with error. A woman who holds vital information is spirited off to Poland. The town closes in upon itself.

Owen, who knows more than he wants to divulge, begs Denise to find out what really happened.

She begins spending time in New Caxton's musty library, where she meets a librarian whose knowledge goes much deeper than the decimal system. The more Denise probes, the more she becomes convinced of a miscarriage of justice and the more she wants to expose it.

And then, as her research and affair with Owen deepen, he tries to call her off. The consequences of his change of heart change many lives.

In Denise, Tirone Smith has created an extremely appealing character - sharp yet vulnerable, equipped with an excellent B.S. detector that only occasionally goes on the fritz.

Coupled with the sardonic Poppy, they make a team that could attract readers to a successful series of mysteries. We can only wonder, for instance, what this savvy pair could do with a mystery revolving around a navy-blue dress dripping with DNA. (The Hartford Courant)

Fighting Mitsubishi for the whales

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Next month, the United Nations' World Heritage Committee will meet in Japan to help determine the fate of Mexico's San Ignacio Lagoon, the last pristine whale sanctuary in North America.

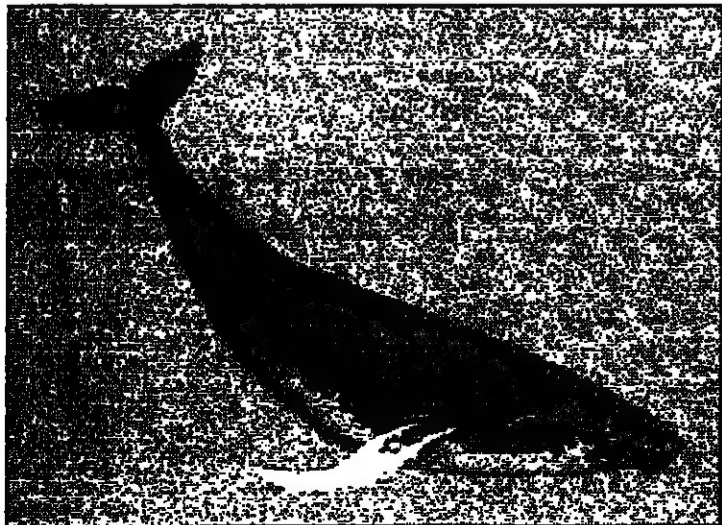
The threat to this lagoon - a place free of noise, pollution and shipping traffic, where whales give birth and nurse their calves - is posed by Japan's Mitsubishi Corporation. Mitsubishi wants to build what will be the world's

largest saltworks on the shore of the site.

Mitsubishi will, if permitted, flood 300 square kilometers of the reserve to create giant evaporation ponds from which they will harvest the area's plentiful minerals, which sell for a meager \$10 per ton. Thousands of tons of fuel will be used there annually to power pumps, dredgers and earth-moving equipment, sending millions of tons of toxic brine waste back into the lagoon.

Engineers and other experts say that the saltworks will destroy all plant and animal life in the lagoon, including, of course, the whales.

The World Heritage Committee and a large number of other environmental groups have decided to fight the plan in the enemy's backyard - deliberately setting their planned December meeting in Kyoto. In addition to petitions to the Japanese parliament, the Diet, environmentalists plan to use purchased television time to bring their case directly to the Japanese



Japan has repeatedly fallen foul of the International Whaling Commission for illegally catching whales and buying whale meat on the black market.

public.

But this is the first attempt to stage the struggle for wildlife protection directly against the offend-

er, and it is unclear how responsive the Japanese public will be. Japan does not have much of a record in environmental activism.

In fact, although Japan has repeatedly fallen afoul of the International Whaling Commission for the illegal catching of whales and the black-market purchase of whale meat, there has been little public interest in the matter. The same is true in cases where Japanese citizens have been found in possession of turtle shells from protected species - used to carve combs, boxes, cigarette lighters and other curios.

Public reaction was also minute after Japan was caught illegally catching sharks for their fins, which are considered a delicacy, and illegally fishing for sea urchins on the protected ocean floor off the coast of South America.

These offenses would, in most developed countries, be publicly censured. In Japan, however, they didn't even rate a parliamentary debate. The goal of the World Heritage Committee is to change this with its fight against Mitsubishi.

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'Unmentionable disease' with a 50% cure rate

The biggest change in oncology since Suzy Eban joined the Israel Cancer Association (ICA) in 1960 is that then, only one in four patients survived, while today there is a cure rate of 50 percent.

Another difference is that nearly 40 years ago cancer was such a "dirty word" that no one even whispered it.

"They referred to it as 'that disease,' or 'that serious ailment,' or 'you shouldn't know from it,'" recalled Eban, who has stepped down after 38 years as ICA president.

"When we raised money for the oncology department at Sheba Hospital in those days, we couldn't even put the name 'Israel Cancer Association' on the wall plaque; instead, we emblazoned a small symbol of the organization on a corner," Eban said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

Her name has been synonymous with the ICA for so long, it seems impossible that this dedicated and energetic woman – the wife of former foreign minister and UN ambassador Abba Eban – will no longer be there.

Benny Gaon, chairman of the board of Delek Israel, has taken on the ICA presidency, and Bank Leumi managing director Galia Maor was this year the first woman to chair the ICA's Knock on the Door fund-raising campaign, which brought in NIS 8.8 million.

The ICA's three dozen paid staffers, as well as volunteers and many other people involved in the war on cancer, recently held a party for Eban at Beit Madi, the association's headquarters in Givatayim.

Philanthropist Vivian Clore Duffield said she is donating \$500,000 for cancer work in Suzy Eban's honor; the first project to be approved is the oncology department at Steiff Hospital in

Safed. "It's not easy for me now; we're getting older," said the youthful-looking Eban when asked why she had decided to step down. "It's time for younger people to do the work in their own style."

"It's like marrying off your children – things are now in their hands. But if I can I will always help the association."

Despite the fact that she has left the president's position, Eban will probably still be buttonholing millionaires for a donation to the ICA during her visits with her husband to New York and other cities abroad.

WHEN Prof. Yitzhak Bernblum – ICA's founder and a prominent cancer researcher for five decades – asked Eban to take over in 1960, the eight-year-old association "had one small room with a little window, one chair and one telephone," Eban recalled.

"If someone came in, I gave him the chair and I stood up. I didn't even want to be called president, preferring to be called the deputy head, but people came around looking for the president, and six months later, Bernblum said enough was enough. I had to use the title. The first fundraising campaign raised just 27,000 liras."

Eban's early years in Ismailiya and adolescence in Cairo – a cherished daughter of the Ambache family, along with her sister, Aura Herzog – could have set the pattern for a life of leisure.

Her parents, Simcha and Leah, moved to Egypt after the Turks expelled Jews from Palestine during World War I. Simcha became a central figure in the electric company and the Suez Canal Company there. Eban's parents' home became a noted meeting place for Jewish and Zionist activity up to World War Two, and it was there that Suzy (then Shoshana) and Aura met their

Judy Siegel-Itzkovich talks to Suzy Eban, whose name has been synonymous with the Israel Cancer Association for 38 years, and learns that the ICA allocates major chunks of its budget to research, to keep the best oncologists here



Outgoing ICA president Eban shakes hands with her successor, a smiling Benny Gaon. (Israel Sun)

future husbands (Abba Eban and Chaim Herzog).

The Ebans were living in Rehovot (he was president of the Weizmann Institute) when she took up the unpaid ICA post.

"I hadn't been involved in the cause of cancer before. From our living in the US, I knew that the American Cancer Society was very important, and I also realized that cancer research and treatment

cost lots of money." Israel was a young country with a young population. There weren't so many people who died of cancer then, but the cure rate in the early years was very low because

early diagnosis was nearly nonexistent. People usually got to the doctor when it was too late."

Eban quickly realized that to increase public awareness of the cause she would need a respected patron. So she went to Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, the country's second president. His wife Rahel Yanait was against his being a patron.

"She said: 'Cancer? Kupat Holim [Clalit] can take care of that.' But my husband spoke to the president afterwards, and three months later, Ben-Zvi agreed to be our patron," said Eban.

"Since then, every president of the state has been patron of our association – Shazar, Katzir, Navon, Herzog and Weizman."

In 1961, the chief of general staff of the IDF allowed officers to go from house to house in their free time to collect money for the ICA. Police vans carried volunteers to the areas where they had to collect money, explained Eban. "That was the beginning of our Knock on the Door campaign."

Then the Education Ministry agreed that teachers would tell their classes to fulfill their civic duty, and tens of thousands of high-school pupils went out one day a year to bring back donations.

Eban led intensive fundraising efforts among wealthy Jews abroad.

"I'll never forget calling the office of one New York City millionaire. To my surprise, I was told to be at his home 'in 10 minutes.'"

"I raced over there; fortunately, I had a new dress on and had just come from the hairdresser," she said.

"He stood there in bare feet, wearing his bathrobe, but the man was very nice. After I told him that we Israelis were building a new state and that the country had no equipment for treating cancer, I left with lots and lots of money."

Eban also set up a number of ICA friends associations abroad that continue to donate funds and focused a great deal of attention on how the money was to be spent.

Understanding the importance of early detection, she pioneered the establishment of mammography facilities around the country to find women with breast cancer at a stage when it could be more successfully treated.

Many women who have survived breast cancer owe Eban their lives.

"We used to go to schools and send a note, in a sealed envelope, to the pupils' mothers, asking them to go for a breast examination."

TODAY, the standard of oncological care in Israel can match anything in the West, and cancer scientists and clinicians here are on the cutting edge of the field.

Eban and her team have encouraged thousands of volunteers to provide emotional and medical support for cancer patients.

There are 15,000 new cases each year, and since 150,000 Israelis who are walking around have at some time been diagnosed with a tumor, the disease has affected nearly every family," Eban said.

To prevent the best oncology doctors and medical researchers leaving Israel, the ICA has allocated major chunks of its budget to research grants. "I feel I've done my civic duty with all my heart," Eban said. "The ICA was the first and most important voluntary organization of its kind in the field of health. Other organizations adopted our methods to raise money and provide services for patients. The association's contribution can be found in every hospital oncology department in the country."

As can Suzy Eban's.

Time's toll on older athletes' knees

By MARTIN MILLER

For many baby boomers who have reached middle age, the mind is willing – but the knees are not.

"They've spent years exercising, thinking they'd live, healthy and happy, forever. Now their knees are beginning to give out."

Take, for example, Richard Glanz, a 43-year-old US real-estate developer who spent his free time playing basketball and severely tore cartilage in his left knee. He repeated this several more times, ripping the connective tissues in his knee once again while playing basketball and twice more while playing baseball.

Since then, he has endured five knee operations – four on his left knee, one on his right. The last one, the worst by far, was the complete reconstruction of his left knee's anterior cruciate ligament in January 1997.

Each year, about five million Americans seek treatment for bad knees, which are ravaged only by the lower back as the chief complaint among aging baby boomers, orthopedists report.

The rise in knee woes can be traced to America's interest in fitness and an active lifestyle, doctors say.

A generation ago, it seemed most adults' idea of exercise was mowing the lawn or chasing the kids around the house. Not surprisingly, these often overweight adults suffered the physical consequences of a sedentary lifestyle, most notably heart attacks.

But in the last 20 years, Americans have dramatically changed their exercise habits. A growing body of research on the medical benefits of fitness and nutrition, recommendations by doctors to "get some exercise" and a youth-obsessed culture have fueled the get-fit revolution.

An estimated 81 million Americans engage in fitness, sports or outdoor activities at least three times a week – more than at any other time in US history.

BUT orthopedists say too many



Under-40s don't risk their health by doing sports like football, basketball and soccer, but middle-aged knees can collapse under the strain. (British Herald)

recreational athletes, particularly those over 40, unnecessarily risk injury by throwing themselves haphazardly into sports.

Many baby boomers born during the first two decades after the end of World War Two fail to consider that as the body grows older, the knee ligaments become stiffer, more brittle and more prone to injury.

Thus the older the athlete, the more important does conditioning and stretching become in preventing sports injury.

But not everyone does as they should.

"The biggest problem we have is with guys over 40 who think they're still in their college days when they rolled out of bed Saturday morning after a night of drinking and played basketball all day and were fine," said Gary

Losse, of the Oasis Sports Clinic in San Diego.

"They're unprepared, and that's when they get the ligament injuries."

Lower-risk sports like swimming or cycling produce fewer injuries, but people who have clung to those higher-risk sports of their youth – football, basketball and soccer – are rolling the dice with each passing year. These sports, which require jumping, cutting and pivoting, can wreak havoc with aging knees.

The price sometimes paid is a visit to the doctor's office or emergency room. What happens next depends upon the person's age, the extent of his injury and willingness to change his lifestyle, doctors say.

In some cases, a person can avoid surgery if he's willing to

accept the limitations of a damaged knee. But the trade-off may be abandoning most sports, wearing a knee brace and committing to a regimen of exercises to strengthen the knee.

PREVIOUSLY, knee surgeries left patients with a four-day hospital stay, six to eight weeks of crutches and a cast, long scars, and at least a year of painful rehabilitation.

But today patients benefit enormously from advances in physical therapy and the development of arthroscopy (keyhole surgery of the knee) and improvements in surgical instruments.

A person with a complete knee reconstruction can leave the hospital the same day, be off crutches in anywhere from one day to two weeks, have one or two scars the size of a pencil head and be fully recovered within six months.

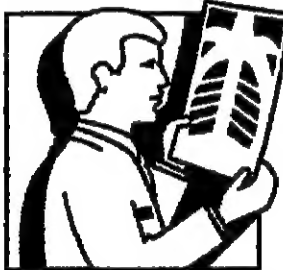
Damage to either the cartilage or meniscus, if undetected or untreated, can lead to the most common major sports injury – a torn anterior cruciate ligament, or ACL.

Even though there are four ligaments that stabilize the knee, it's usually the ACL that is blown out in a sport injury. Each year, about 250,000 ACL surgeries are performed in the US (about 50,000 for skiing injuries).

The key to a successful surgery is to find and attach a suitable substitute ligament. Depending on a person's age, athletic interests and other medical factors, doctors usually borrow a portion of ligament from one of three sources: a patient's hamstring, a patient's patellar tendon (which holds the kneecap in place), or a cadaver's ACL.

In coming decades, doctors say, their techniques and surgical instrumentation will gradually improve; they predict that any breakthrough will involve finding replacement ligaments for ACL patients. Doctors say that instead of using their own ligaments or those of a cadaver, human patients will eventually be able to accept an animal's ligament for their knee. (The Los Angeles Times)

Health Scan



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Drawing pictures, sculpting, painting or making collages in the hospital – it's all proving a great release for children suffering from serious and even terminal illnesses, as well as providing clues about their feelings for the therapists who treat them.

Edna Pinchover, an art therapist in the pediatric wards' schools at the two Hadassah-University Hospitals in Jerusalem advocates the use of art therapy methods integrated with the spiritual-psychological approach developed by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, the well-known author of *Living with Death and Dying*.

Writing in the latest issue of *Harefuah* (the journal of the Israel Medical Association), Pinchover – an art therapist for 15 years – says that being able to express their hopes and fears in a non-threatening way allows young patients to express how they feel and adjust to their condition. Kubler-Ross's techniques, known for coping with difficult emotional situations at the bedside of the seriously ill, were used to build a relationship of trust and respect between patient and therapist.

Illustrating her points with seven color or pencil drawings done by children aged seven to 14 – some of whom died before her article was published – Pinchover explains that looking at the artwork allows the therapist to get better insight into the patients' emotional situation and to relate closely to the issues raised by their creative work.

Maria, a 14-year-old who had been hospitalized for tests, drew a bright red heart on a pink background and wrote "I Love Jerusalem."

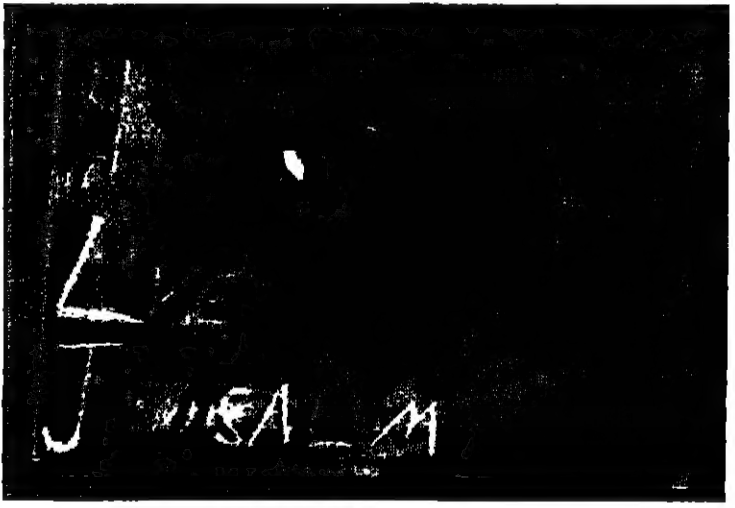
But the heart had a hole, an unpainted white spot, and the therapist was able to discuss with the teenager her fears about her congenital heart condition.

Fatima, a 14-year-old girl with terminal cancer, drew a dead-end road, and when she described its

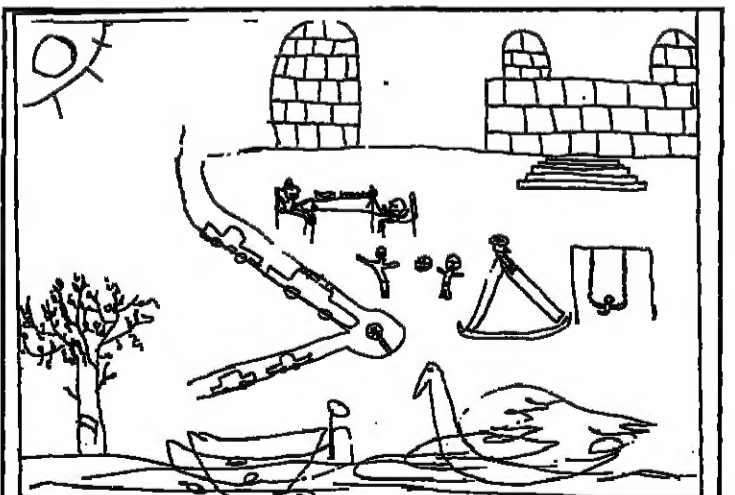
meaning to Pinchover, burst into tears and described feelings of helplessness that she had been holding in.

From then on, Fatima asked the therapist to be with her often, and she died soon after.

"The possibility of sharing their heavy burden of fears and hopelessness gives the child a feeling that he isn't alone and makes it easier for him to understand himself," Pinchover says.



(Above) Maria, 14 and fearful because of her congenital heart condition, drew a red heart with a white hole; (below) Fatima, a teenager with terminal cancer, drew a dead-end road.



'Book of Life' unscrambled: Accurate gene map now in the cards for 2003

By JUSTIN GILLIS

Leaders of the worldwide effort to map all the genes in the human body are two years ahead of schedule. They plan to complete a "rough draft" in 2002 and a definitive map the following year.

Responding to new competition from private gene-mapping companies, leaders of the Human Genome Project said they hoped to accelerate medical progress while ensuring that large portions of the genetic map remain public property, not subject to patents or other restrictive commercial arrangements.

The goal of completing an early rough draft of the gene map is new. "This is a highly ambitious, even audacious, goal, given that only about six percent of the human genome sequence has been com-

pleted thus far," said a US government planning document released Monday.

Nevertheless, the science of analyzing genes has advanced so rapidly that researchers say the new goals are attainable. Leaders of the Human Genome Project hope a definitive gene map will revolutionize biology and medicine by allowing researchers to unscramble how the body works at its most fundamental level, offering profound new insights into birth and death and all the stages between.

The "rough draft" should be a big shot in the arm for medical research, advancing some fields of inquiry by many years, they believe.

"This is an extraordinary plan that is just going to change our lives," said Barbara Wold, a biologist at the California Institute of Technology and a member of the government's steering committee for gene

research. "It really looks plausible."

In addition to shortening their timetable, gene researchers added another goal – they will begin compiling a detailed catalog of genetic variations among people, another endeavor where private companies had threatened to leapfrog publicly funded researchers.

Such a database could allow drug companies to tailor treatments to individuals. It also might help reveal why some people are smarter than others, why some are tall and some are short, why some run fast and others play a mean game of chess, why some get cancer and others get depressed, why some die young and others live to a ripe old age.

If the final gene map is indeed published in 2003, it will come exactly 50 years after James Watson and Francis Crick

described the fundamental structure of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), the long molecule that encodes genetic instructions. In half a century, humanity will have gone from having only a dim awareness of how genes work to having unscrambled the human "book of life" in its entirety.

The new goals are part of a five-year research plan that has been in the works for more than a year. However, publicly funded researchers got a jolt in May when Craig Venter, a Rockville, Maryland scientist with a strong track record of genetic discovery, announced that he would set up a new company, Celera Genomics Corp., that would try to unravel most of the human genetic code within three years.

His announcement set off a behind-the-scenes debate among gene researchers. Venter, who plans to use a method that will leave some missing segments in his

gene map, contends these gaps will be relatively unimportant. But his critics contend the lacunae will be serious, and some of them believe his method will fail entirely in its late stages. Venter's plan was followed by an announcement from a California firm, Incyte Pharmaceuticals Inc., that it, too, would undertake mapping all human genes.

DESPITE the skepticism, these private ventures startled the publicly funded researchers. They are midway through a \$3 billion, 15-year program to develop new technology and then map the genes of several important organisms, including humans. This project involves scientists around the world, notably in the US and Britain.

But suddenly, people were asking whether the private ventures had rendered

the Human Genome Project irrelevant. The accelerated timetable puts publicly funded researchers back in the game. The most ambitious of the new goals were added to their plan over the summer, in intensive discussions that followed the Venter announcement.

One goal hasn't changed: The government is sticking to its longstanding plan to produce a gene map of daunting accuracy. Academic researchers say such a map will be more useful for medical research than anything private firms manage to produce.

Francis Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, said the program can accomplish the accelerated research goals with only routine budget increases, but added that if Congress gives them extra funds it may enable officials to speed the timetable even further.

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Catfish Hunter fighting for his life

NEW YORK — The laugh, I'm sure, is still always important to Catfish Hunter.

Whether he makes the joke or if he's made himself the butt of it, he was among the classiest of Yankees.

He loved telling the story of how the very young pitcher was pitching for the Athletics when they were still in Kansas City. He beat the Indians in the first game of a doubleheader. Between games, Birdie Tebbets paced the clubhouse muttering to his players: "Catfish blankety Hunter! If you can't hit Catfish blankety Hunter, who can you hit?"

He loved that story. Of course, he found it more amusing after he had become the third pitcher ever to win 20 games five years in a row.

In the history of Baseball and of the Steinbrenner Yankees, Hunter will always be remembered as Big Game, as the first free agent and as the marquee name the Yankees needed for identity at the time.

When he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1987, the Yankees had a day for him at the Stadium. But for someone working the clubhouse then, he had such unpretentious charm whether he won or lost, which is as good a standard for class as I can produce. He always took his work seriously; he never took himself seriously.

He loved to do his imitation of Lou Piniella arguing with an umpire, slamming his cap to the ground and stomping on it and waving his head. "Like one of those bobbing-head dolls in the back of a car," Hunter would say, and Piniella would laugh like anything. So would anyone around them.

Catfish is sick now. It's bad. At 52, he has Lou Gehrig's disease.

It's incurable and progressive. He says he'll be watching the highlight shows for manager Lou's tantrums of stomping on his cap next summer. He'll need his sense of humor.

He was a terrific pitcher. In 1968, he pitched the first perfect game in the American League in 46 years. The year he set the record of allowing 39 home runs,

he was 21-5 for Oakland. As the first major free agent in the century, he chose the Yankees for \$3.5 million over five years.

In 1975, his first year with the Yankees, he conceded he tried too hard to justify the first free-agent contract, but was 23-14. The league batted .208 against him. He pitched 30 complete games that summer — 328 innings, most by a Yankee since 1921. He was the fourth pitcher to win 200 games before his 31st birthday.

But Billy Martin, who took over as manager in August, pitched him on two days rest even when the Yankees were out of it, and Hunter's arm never recovered.

He was a country boy with a twang that disguised the needle he had for anybody. He called unpredictable Mickey Rivers "Wonderboy," as in "I wonder if you're going to show up at the ballpark."

One day in Florida, he learned that Piniella had lost a bundle at the track. Hunter filled the trunk of his car with hay and stuffed Piniella's locker floor to ceiling. "What the hell is this?" Piniella demanded of the clubhouse man.

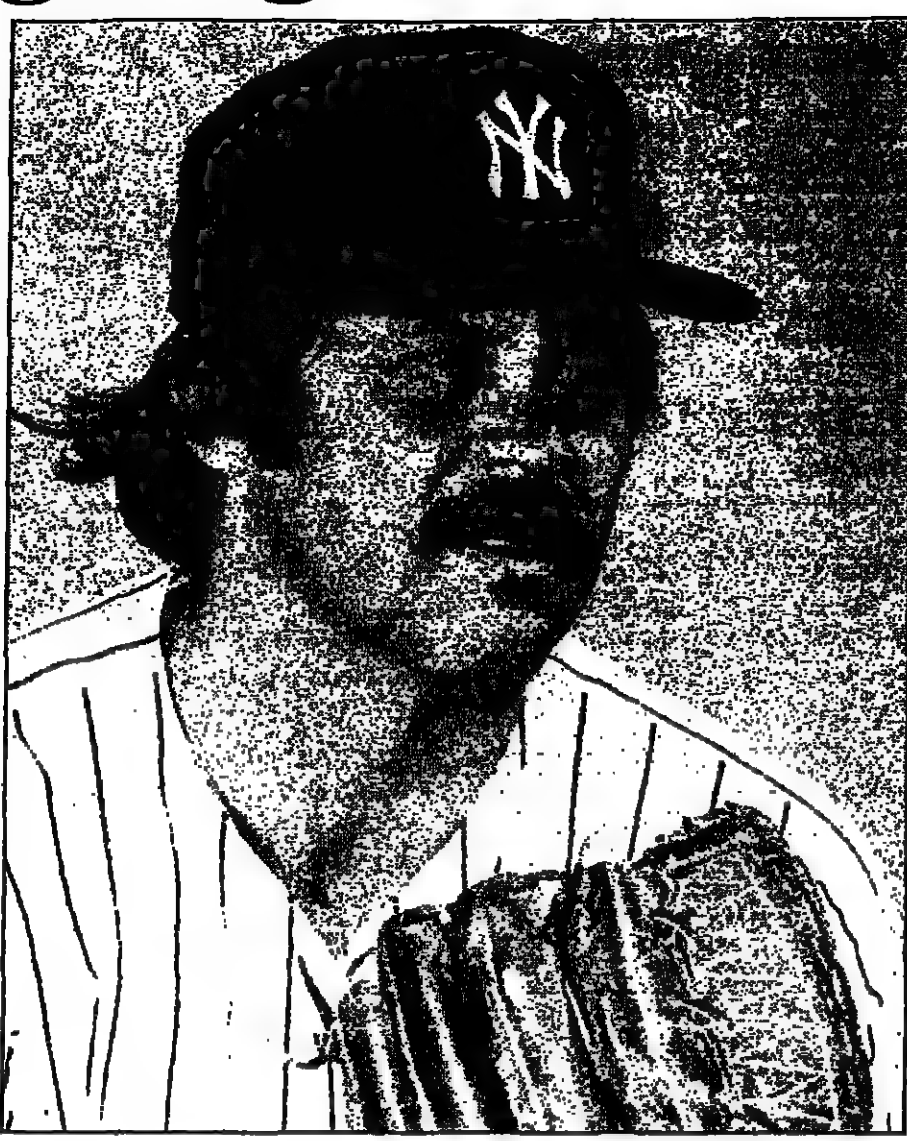
"You at the track last night?" Pete Sheehy replied. "That damn Hunter," Piniella immediately concluded.

On a road trip, Hunter took black tape and simulated a cage out of Carlos May's locker, taped a picture of King Kong inside and hung May's uniform inside. And waited for May to come in from batting practice.

May, who was not called Kong Junior for nothing, reacted with mock rage. Then Hunter and May posed together inside the cage for a photo.

In 1979, in the fifth year of the contract, he was finished at the age of 33. He could have hung on longer, but it wouldn't have been him.

"I want to go and earn my money," he said in a time when the wear on his arm was great. "I don't want to sit and have it come to me. I couldn't stand that." (Newsday)



BAD BREAK — Jim 'Catfish' Hunter has Lou Gehrig's disease. (Reuters)

Yankees still want Bernie Williams

Brian Jordan, Albert Belle also pinstripe potential

NEW YORK — With a \$60 million offer from the New York Yankees in hand, limited options around him and the clock winding down to decision time, agent Scott Boras finally softened his stance and breathed life back into the possibility that Bernie Williams will remain in pinstripes.

Motivated mostly by a shrunken market for Williams' services and fears that the Yankees were close to signing either Brian Jordan or Albert Belle, Boras requested a meeting with George Steinbrenner. The two met for two hours of negotiations in Cleveland over the weekend.

The Yankees offered Williams a five-year contract for \$12 million per season sometime in the past few days and repeatedly have given Boras little indication they are willing to increase the offer. Boras has been angling for "Piazza money" (\$91m for seven years) since Williams hit the market and has been hinting that a few teams have offered it, though he always declines to identify the teams.

Based also on the belief by some team officials that Williams' wife does not want him to return any further ("Not true at all," Boras said. "There is no problem with Bernie playing in New York. His wife is very supportive of it"), the Yankees have been far from confident the centerfielder would accept their offer.

Either way, the Yankees have never given up hope that Williams would return and have kept him atop their wish list since the end of the World Series. That is why they made Williams an offer and still have not made one to either Jordan or Belle. The only reason the Yankees are pushing Williams now is because other teams are in pursuit of Jordan (Atlanta Braves and Baltimore Orioles) and Belle (Boston Red Sox).

There is a widely held belief that Jordan will sign with the Braves as early as Friday. That would be bad news for the Yankees, because after much internal debate, they re-targeted Jordan as the No. 1 alternative to Williams. Although Belle is a better offensive player, his acquisition would not satisfy the team's need for a center fielder, and his presence could threaten the chemistry that was judged so valuable.

The Yankees have received so many negative reports on Belle lately that they might even prefer to sign Steve Finley. Regardless, the Yankees are determined to sign a free agent if they can't re-sign Williams because they have explored trade possibilities for Jim Edmonds, Ray Lankford and Rondell White and found them all but impossible.

"I've said it all off-season," GM Frank Cashman said. "I just don't want to have the music stop and no chair to sit in." (Newsday)

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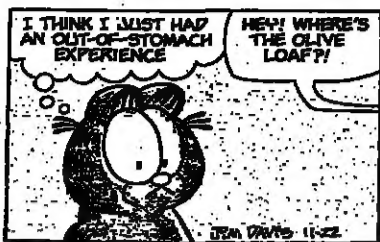
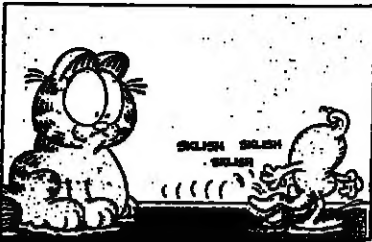
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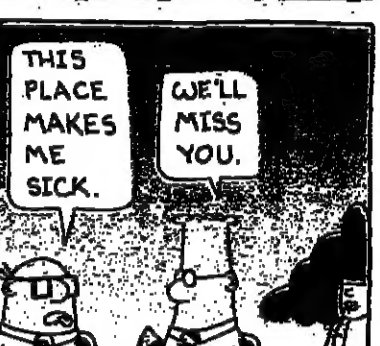
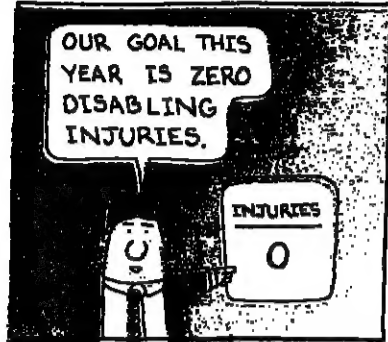
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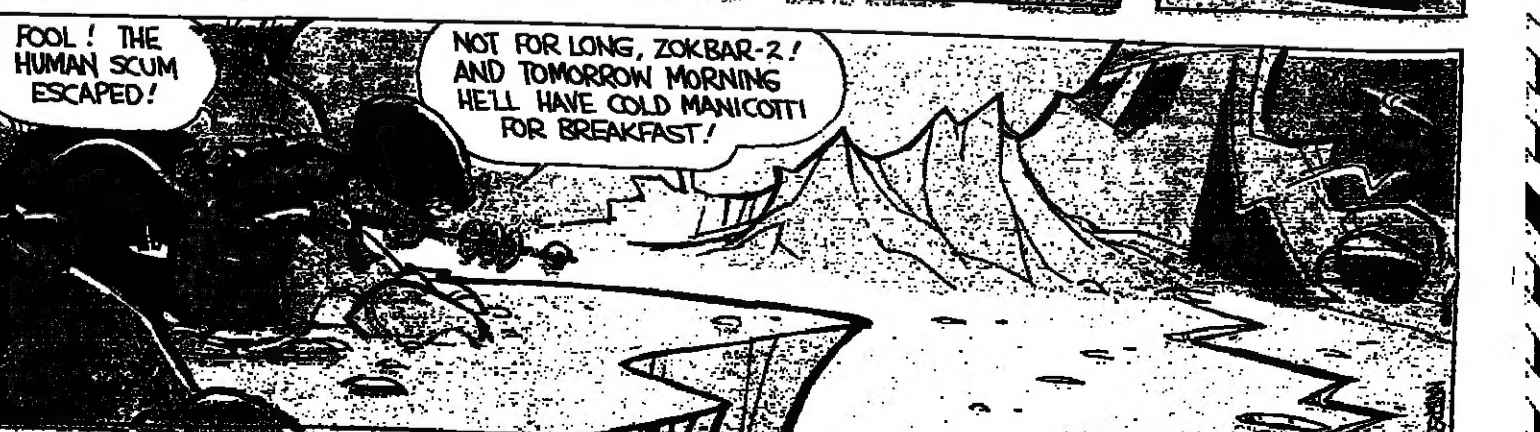
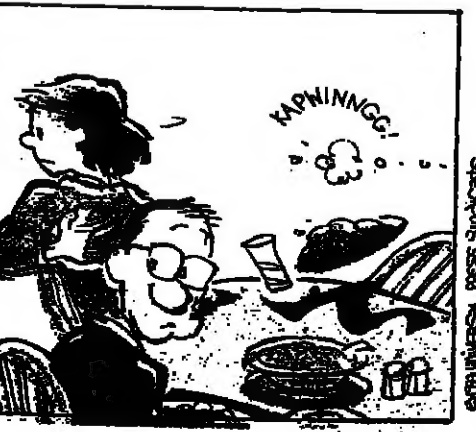
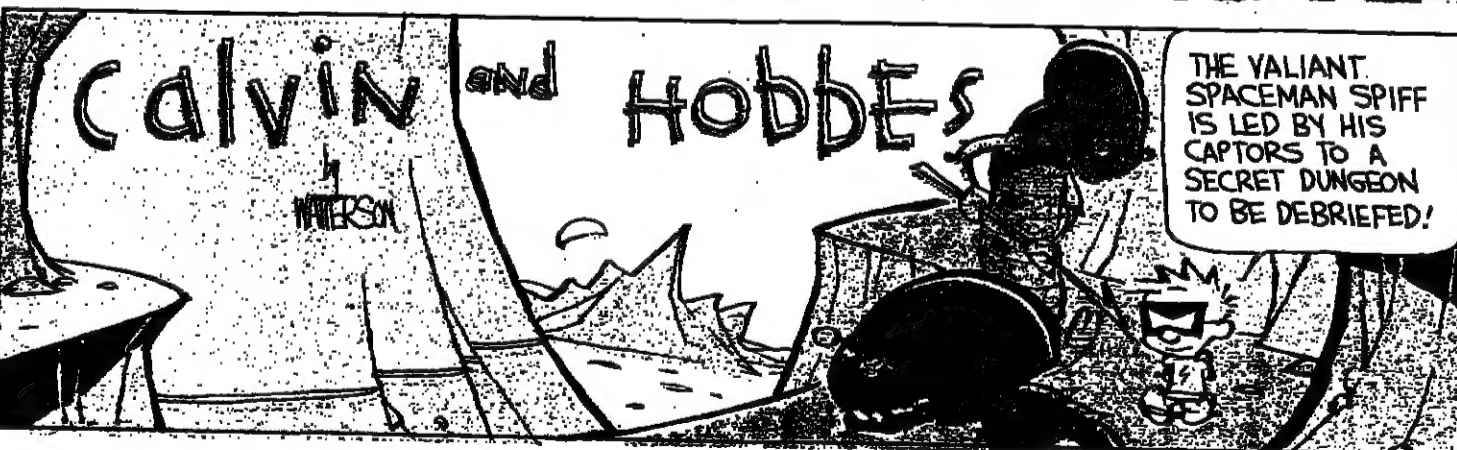
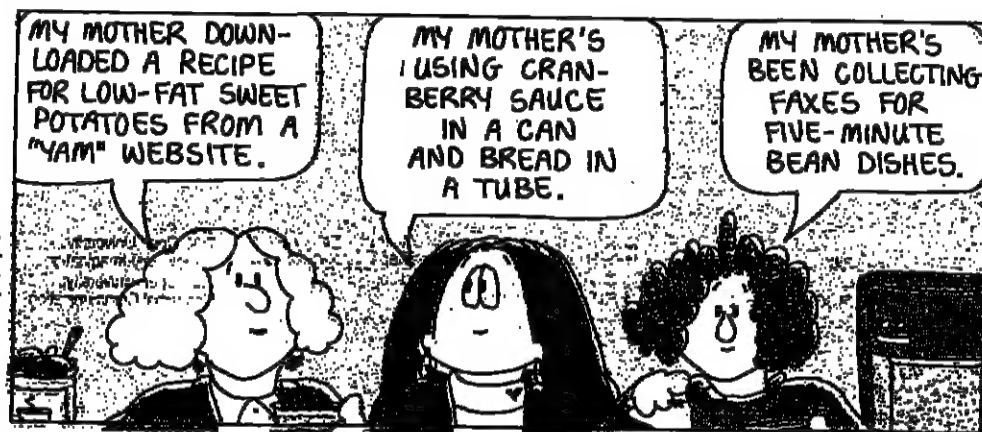
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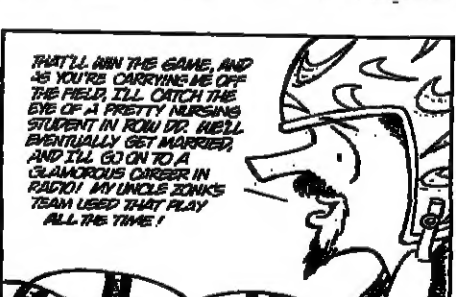
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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Cellist Christophe Coin, founder of the Quatuor Mosaïques that made its Israeli debut last week, presents an illustrated lecture tonight at 8:30 at the Jerusalem Music Center. The lecture is on his art in general and his approach to Bach in particular. He will also perform excerpts from Bach's cello suites, including the entire C major Suite.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON SQUARE

Of the recent attempts to bring Henry James to the screen, Polish-born director Agnieszka Holland's movie is the most sensitive and quietly alert to the writer's own rhythms and tone. Holland sets her sights with modesty and intelligence at respectfully dramatizing the 1880 novel about a well-off widower doctor (Albert Finney) and his only child, homely awkward Catherine Sloper (Jennifer Jason Leigh), who meets and falls head-over-heels in love with a handsome young man (Ben Chaplin), who may or may not be a fortune hunter. Both lovely to look at and remarkably true to most of the novel's moral and psychological nuances, the movie may not be earth-shattering, but it has an admirable seriousness and dignity about it, and Leigh is especially fine in her evolving role. Maggie Smith is also terrific as her silly, meddling aunt. (Not recommended for children.)



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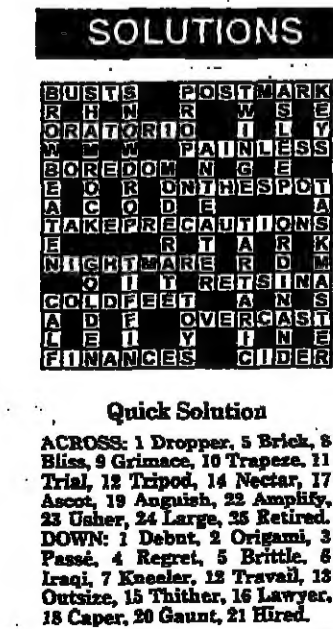
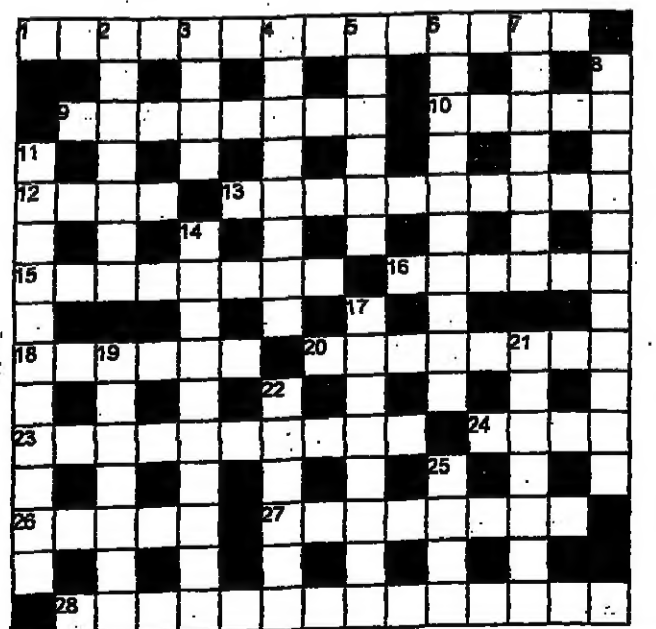
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Find no city dust here (3,11)
9 Fed Luigi, but this made him far from attractive (8)
10 One of the Greek characters (5)
12 Lots of luggage (4)
13 City man who takes to another city (10)
16 Bit of fish for the man's pouch (8)
18 Desert because of having a blemish (6)
20 The chosen or the first set of choosers (8)
23 Give up when his lordship initially inquires (10)
24 It's mad, coming back for a knockout (4)

DOWN
2 Aim to include fruit, as promised (7)
3 State with nothing at either end (4)
4 In use, can turn into a problem (8)
5 Crude Eastern attempt to bring the price down (6)

6 Boards train, or older form of transport (10)
7 Was required to put into action (7)
8 Encouraging to look down one's nose (11)
11 That is fixed up with some sort of a brace and is rudimentary (11)
14 The record on an undoubted winner might put me off (10)
17 Dope is after meat for a bit of high living (10)
19 Shooie given rope when summer's over (4,3)
21 Porridge is something to tuck into at meals (7)
22 Some liquor umpire drank was enough to decide the matter (6)
25 Zealous beginner takes first three inches of metal (4)



SOLUTIONS

ACROSS
1 DROPPER, 9 BRICK, 11 TRIAL, 12 TYPED, 14 NECTAR, 17 ACCOT, 19 AUGUST, 23 AMPHIB, 25 UHUR, 24 LARGE, 33 RETIRED.
DOWN
2 DEBUT, 3 ORIGIN, 4 PASS, 5 REGRET, 6 BRITTLE, 8 ISRAEL, 7 KNEELER, 13 TRAVELLER, 15 THIRTY, 16 LAWYER, 18 CAPER, 20 GAUNT, 21 HIRED.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Contented hum (4)
3 Variants (8)
9 Snake (5)
10 Ramble (7)
11 Conclusion (3)
13 Annex (9)
14 Holiday place (6)
16 Frolic (6)
18 Player (9)
20 Adhesive (3)
22 Tottaring (7)
23 Location (7)
25 Erroneous (8)
26 Views (4)

DOWN
1 Position (5)
2 Bright colour (3)
4 Hatred (6)
5 Irish river (7)
6 Decreasing (7)
7 Malaysian garments (7)
8 Cheese (4)
12 Flinds (9)
14 Platform (7)
15 Greek wine (7)
17 Refugee (6)
19 Smell (4)
21 Encounters (5)
24 East Anglian city (3)

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Liverpool want Berkovic

Liverpool wants to acquire Eyal Berkovic, currently at West Ham, as a £5 million replacement for Steve McManaman who expects to leave in the summer, according to today's *Sunday People* newspaper. Mark Rivlin

Will Johnson run here?

By HEATHER CHAFF

No final decision has yet been taken on whether Ben Johnson will be permitted to run against the clock tomorrow evening at Hadar Yosef Stadium in Tel Aviv.

Johnson, now visiting Israel on a scouting trip for upcoming talent, was due to run a 60-meter race, but the IAAF has not given its consent.

Johnson, found guilty twice of using performance-enhancing drugs, has been banned for life from competition.

Meanwhile, stadium officials have clearly expressed their opposition to Johnson's using their facilities. This in turn, has discouraged Ephraim Biderman of Maccabi Tel Aviv, the club promoting the visit, from holding the run.

Meanwhile, Johnson spent Friday observing athletes and will be offering his tips to both athletes and coaches again today.

BRISBANE (Reuters) — England's campaign to win back the Ashes was in danger of being derailed almost as soon as it began when they were left battling to save the first cricket Test against Australia yesterday.

The Aussies, after struggling on the opening day of the series on Friday, began to tighten the screws on England from the outset of play on the second day at the Gabba.

Ian Healy (134) and Steve Waugh (112) both blasted centuries as Australia compiled an imposing first innings total of 485.

Then paceman Glenn McGrath had England reeling when he dismissed Michael Atherton for a duck.

"There has got to be a few scars there," Waugh said. "We have won the last five Ashes series and if you can open up a few of those wounds then that is what Test cricket is all about."

England almost lost Mark Butcher soon after Atherton went when McGrath found the edge of his bat but the ball failed to carry to the slips cordon.

Butcher survived to fight another day as he and Nasser Hussain took England's score along to 53 for one at stumps although England still face the daunting prospect of batting through the next two days to try to salvage affairs.

It was clear shortly after the start of play yesterday that this was not going to be England's day.

England's players were already rueing the fact that they dropped three catches and missed a run-out of Waugh on Friday and were keen to make amends.

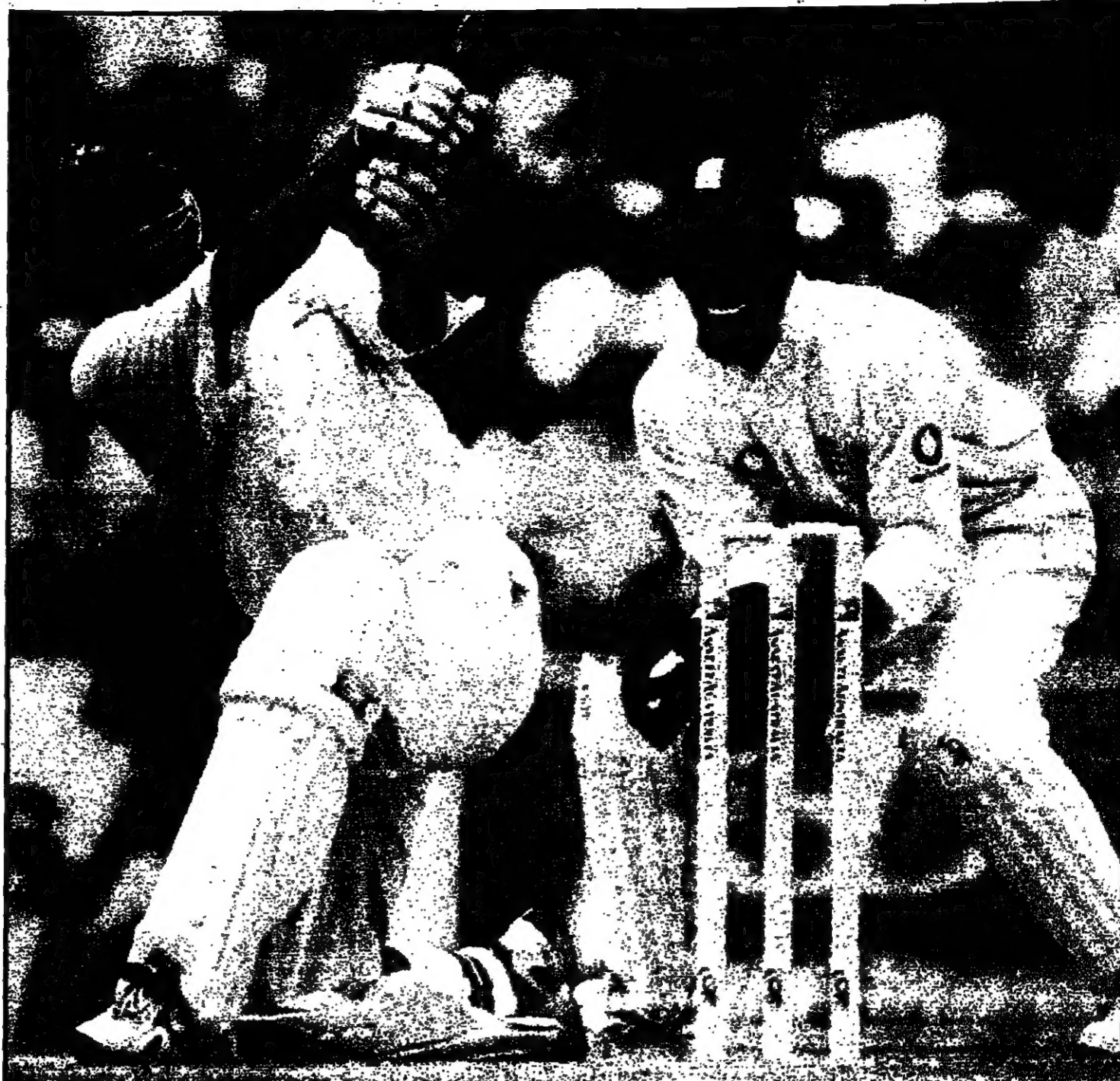
They almost had the early breakthrough they desperately needed when Healy misjudged a delivery from Yorkshire paceman Darren Gough but the gods were against them.

The ball rolled into the stumps off Healy's bat but did not dislodge the balls, giving the Australian wicketkeeper another life.

"The opposition took their chances when we didn't, it's as simple as that," England coach David Lloyd said.

"We had a mix-up with a run out yesterday and we dropped three catches and we were made to pay dearly."

Healy and Waugh made the most



HITTING A TON — Australia's Steve Waugh smashes the ball for four runs yesterday on his way to a century as England captain Alec Stewart looks on.

of their let-offs, smashing 102 runs in the opening session as England's paceman began to wilt.

Waugh, starting the day on 69, reached his 16th Test century

shortly before lunch while Healy, who resumed on 46, completed his fourth just two overs later.

It was a familiar sight for England as both Waugh and

Healy, Australia's two most experienced players, have tormented them for the past decade.

Waugh, in particular, has flourished against England's bowlers

with his uncomplicated but highly effective performances with the bat.

He had scored five centuries against England in England but,

surprisingly, had never scored a hundred against England in Australia until yesterday.

Healy, who only last month broke Rod Marsh's world record for the most dismissals by a wicketkeeper, yet again proved his versatility.

The pair had come together on Friday with Australia struggling at 178 for five. Their partnership ended after lunch yesterday with the total on 365 when Waugh was caught behind.

Healy went on to make his second highest score in Test cricket, falling before the tea interval.

Their dismissals did little to ease England's suffering, however, as Damien Fleming took up the challenge.

The Victorian paceman delighted the full-house with an swashbuckling innings of 71 to easily eclipse his previous Test best of 24.

The pick of England's bowlers was Alan Mullally, a leftarm quick who was born in England but raised in Australia. He finished with a best-ever Test return of five for 105.

England's reply to Australia's first innings got off to a terrible start when Atherton, their most reliable batsman, was dismissed for a duck with the score on 11.

Atherton was in doubt for the match after aggravating an old back injury and looked uncomfortable from the outset against McGrath, a bowler who had already dismissed him nine times.

Scoreboard

Yesterday at stumps on the second day of the first Test at the Gabba, Australia won the toss

Australia, 1st innings
Overnight 246 for five

Mark Taylor c Hussain b Cork	46
Michael Slater c Butcher b Mullally	18
Justin Langer c b Gough	8
Mark Waugh c Stewart b Mullally	31
Steve Waugh c Stewart b Mullally	112
Paddy Foran c Butcher b Cork	21
Ian Healy c Mullally b Fraser	134
M. Kasprowicz c Stewart b Mullally	0
Darren Fleming not out	71
Stuart MacGill c Stewart b Mullally	20
Glenn McGrath c Atherton b Cork	5
Edna (14th, 1w, 5rb)	21
TOTAL	485 all out

Fall of wickets: 30, 36, 106, 108, 178, 385, 385, 420, 445, 485.

Bowling: Darren Gough 34-4-125-1 (1w, 1rb), Damien Cork 31-6-98-2 (1rb), Alan Mullally 40-10-105-5 (2rb), Robert Croft 29-5-55-1 (1rb), Angus Fraser 25-7-75-1, Mark Ramprakash 2-1-2-0.

Batting time: 657 minutes. Overs: 158

England, 1st innings

Mark Butcher not out	23
M. Atherton c M. Waugh b McGrath	0
Nasser Hussain not out	23
Edna (5th, 1rb)	7
TOTAL	53 for one

Fall of wicket: 11.

To bat: Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe, Mark Ramprakash, Damien Cork, Robert Croft, Darren Gough, Angus Fraser, Alan Mullally.

Bowling: Glenn McGrath 7-2-13-1 (1rb), Damien Fleming 6-2-20-0, Michael Kasprowicz 4-1-14-0, Stuart MacGill 1-1-0-0.

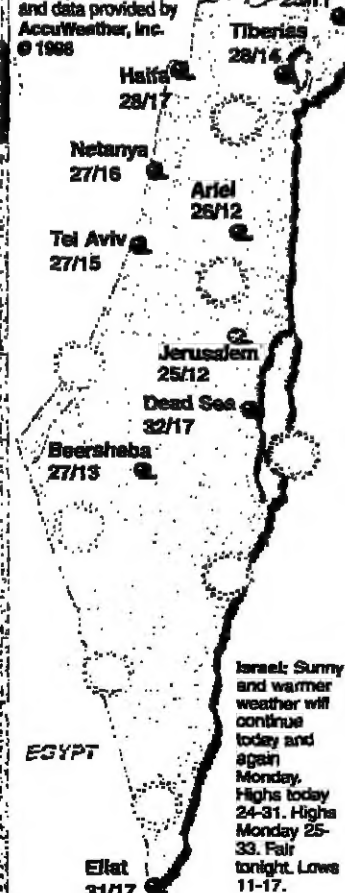
Batting time: 75 minutes. Overs: 19

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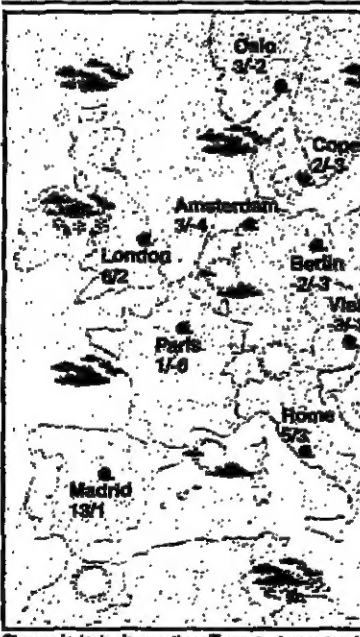


Israel: Sunny and warmer weather will continue today and again Monday. Highs today 24-31. Highs Monday 25-33. Fair tonight. Lows 11-17.

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

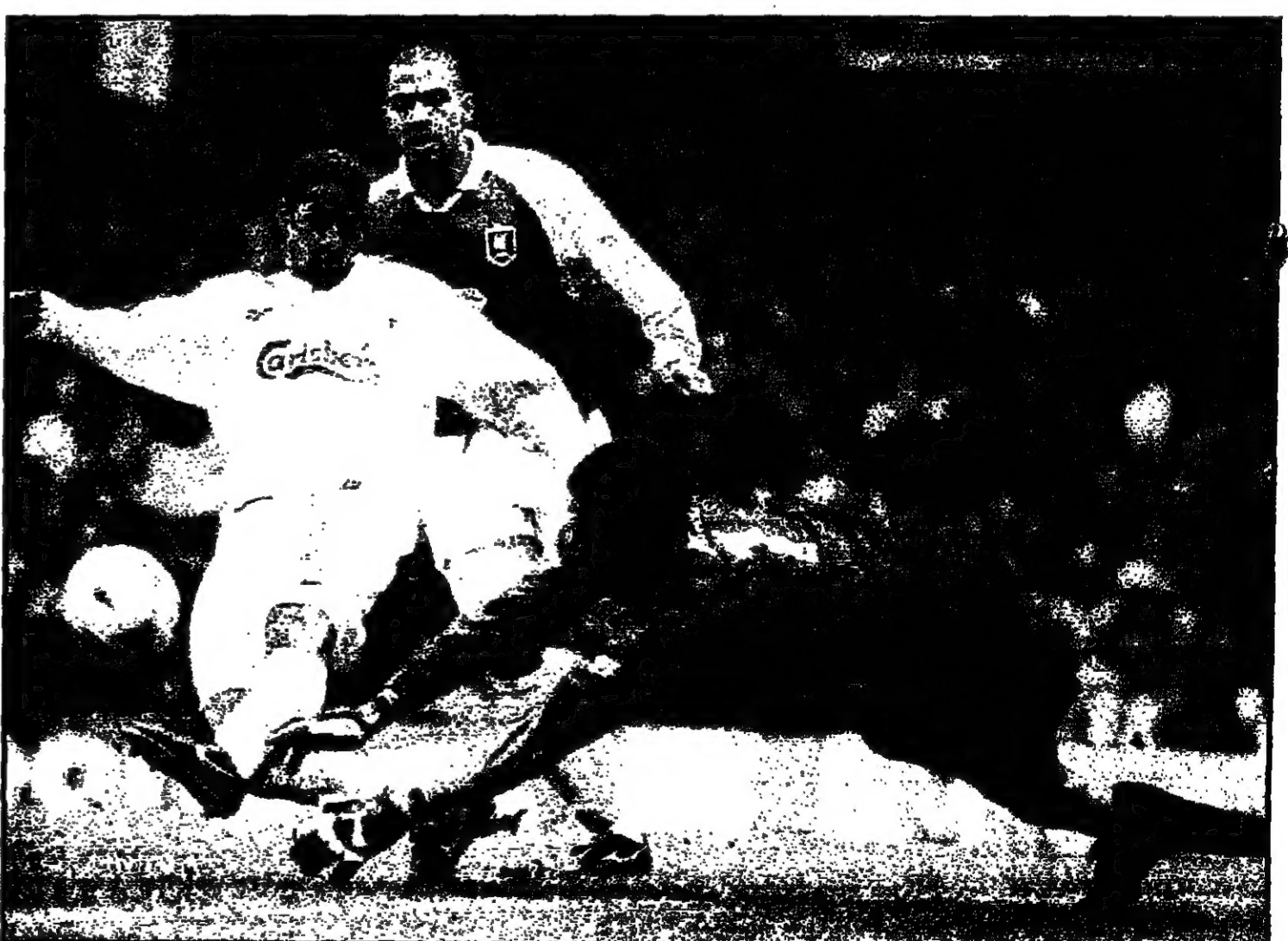
ISRAEL CITIES

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Ariel	28/7	28/7	28/7	28/7
Beer Sheva	27/8	27/8	27/8	27/8
Dead Sea	32/8	32/8	32/8	32/8
Haifa	31/8	31/8	31/8	31/8
Jerusalem	28/7	28/7	28/7	28/7
Netanya	27/7	27/7	27/7	27/7
Tel Aviv	27/8	27/8	27/8	27/8
Thames	28/8	28/8	28/8	28/8

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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Amsterdam	30/7	30/7	30/7	30/7
Beijing	7/4	7/4	7/4	7/4
Berlin	22/9	22/9	22/9	22/9
Buenos Aires	22/9	22/9	22/9	22/9
Calcutta	22/9	22/9	22/9	22/9
Chicago	16/1	16/1	16/1	16/1
Frankfurt	22/9	22/9	22/9	22/9
Hong Kong	24/7	24/7	24/7	24/7
London	24/7	24/7	24/7	24/7
Los Angeles	22/7	22/7	22/7	22/7
Madrid	13/5	13/5	13/5	13/5
Moscow	19/4	19/4	19/4	19/4
Montreal	32/7	32/7	32/7	32/7
New York	11/2	11/2	11/2	11/2
Paris	10/4	10/4	10/4	10/4
Prague	5/4	5/4	5/4	5/4
Rio de Janeiro	22/7	22/7	22/7	22/7
Rome	5/4	5/4	5/4	5/4
Sydney	22/9	22/9	22/9	22/9
Tokyo	9/4	9/4	9/4	9/4
Vancouver	32/7	32/7	32/7	32/7
Washington	13/5	13/5	13/5	13/5
Zurich	32/7	32/7	32/7	32/7



CLEARED FOR LANDING — Liverpool defender Phil Babb (1) clears a shot from Aston Villa's Stan Collymore yesterday as goalkeeper David James stretches to make the save. Liverpool beat Aston Villa 4-2.

(Reuters)

Fowler hat-trick hands Villa 1st loss

LONDON, Nov 21 (Reuters) — A Robbie Fowler hat-trick helped inflict a first league defeat of the season on leaders Aston Villa yesterday as Liverpool won a pulsant

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ing Premier League match 4-2 at Villa Park.

The top three all lost as second-placed Manchester United went down 3-1 at Sheffield Wednesday and third-placed Arsenal slipped 1-0 away to Wimbledon.

Those results allowed Chelsea and Leeds United to close ground, with a 4-2 success at Leicester City and a 4-1 victory over Charlton Athletic respectively.

Liverpool had won only once in their previous nine league games but roared 2-0 ahead after seven minutes with headers by Paul Ince and Fowler.

There was end-to-end action and chances galore but no more goals until Dion Dublin pulled one back two minutes into the second half.

Fowler restored the two-goal advantage only for Dublin, with his seventh goal in three games since joining Villa from Coventry City, to make it 3-2.

Fowler struck again for 4-2 and Villa then had Stan Collymore sent off for a second booking in the 68th minute.

Dublin missed a chance for his second successive hat-trick as David James brilliantly saved his penalty after the keeper had brought down Julian Joachim.

"It was a wonderful game and a

great performance by my players," said Liverpool coach Gerard Houllier.

Sheffield Wednesday had only one win in their last 10 games but a bad error by Peter Schmeichel, who let Nicolas Alexandersson's shot slip through his hands, allowed them to go ahead after 14 minutes.

Andy Cole equalized but a second for Alexandersson and one by Wim Jonk gave Wednesday the points.

A 77th-minute Efan Ekoku goal was enough for Wimbledon to beat Arsenal, but a bigger worry for coach Arsene Wenger will be the injuries received by Patrick Viera and Dennis Bergkamp that makes both doubtful for Wednesday's European Champions' League game against RC Lens.

"We were not aggressive enough, they won more of the fights," said Wenger.

Southampton climbed off the bottom for the first time this season with a 2-0 win at Blackburn Rovers, the losers dropping to last place. Manager Roy Hodgson quit as Blackburn's boss after the defeat. Saints earned their first away win of the season.

Tottenham Hotspur beat 10-man Nottingham Forest 2-0 and Middlesbrough beat Coventry by the same score.

There were 28 goals in the day's eight games, an average of 3.5 per match, which should boost the Premier League from last place in Europe's goals-per-game standings.

Derby County play West Ham United today and Everton face Newcastle United tomorrow.

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